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DECEMBER COURT PROCEEDINGS.

(CONTINUED.)

In re Francis P. Drinker, alleged habitual drundard: And now December 13, 1899, it appearing to the Court that the inquisition in the above case, finding the said Francis P. Drinker to be an habitual drunkard, has been duly filed, it is, on motion of Grant Herring and G. M. Tustin, attorneys for the petitioners, ordered that all costs attendant upon the issuing and execution of the commission in the said case be paid out of the funds of the estate of the said Francis P. Drinker and the sum of $20 is hereby allowed and directed to be paid out of the said estate to Robert Buckingham, the commissioner in said inquisition had; and the Court does hereby grant a rule upon the said Francis P. Drinker to show cause why a committee of the estate and a committee of the person of said Francis P. Drinker, or of both the estate and the person, shall not be appointed by the Court, said rule returnable Jan. 3, 1900, and pending the determination of the said rule the Court does hereby appoint Mary C. Drinker and William W. Drinker to be the committee of the estate of the said Francis P. Drinker, bond to be given by the said Mary C. Drinker and William W. Drinker in the sum of $2000, exceptions to return of inquest to be disposed of on return day of this rule, also exceptions to appointment of said Mary C. and William as a permanent committee to be then disposed of.

By the Court.

Geo. W. Weaver vs. J. B. M. Gordner. Appeal by plaintiff. The defendant purchased a horse of Weaver which was guaranted to be sound. He gave his note in payment for same, but some time after taking the horse home it died and he refused to pay. The case was heard by a Justice who gave a decision in favor of Gordner. Weaver then appealed the case to Court and the jury gave a verdict for Gordner.

Sheriff Black acknowledged deeds as follows.

Land in Jackson township to Charity A. Hirleman.

Land in Bloomsburg to C. S. Nesbit.

Land in Bloomsburg to Josiah Ralston.

Estate of Daniel Bryfogle, citation awarded.

Petition of A. Z. Schoch assignee of I. W. McKelvy for order to execute and deliver deed to heirs of Mary Ann Pennman, granted.

Hons. J. T. Fox and J. U. Kurtz, presided at a short session of court held Saturday at 9:30 o'clock.

Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. vs. Berthold Kierhoff. Motion for new trial filed.

Auditor's reports confirmed nisi in estates of Sarah J. Sitler and Herman Yost, deceased.

Report of viewers in favor of road in Cleveland township near H. M. Yocum's and John Brofhy's confirmed nisi.

W. B. Cole vs. Iram Piatt et. al. Petition to perfect appeal. Rule granted.

S. J. Pealer, J. L. Girton and Peter Billmeyer appointed viewers to view site for public road in Hemlock twp.

Next session of Court will be held Thursday December 28.

Death of Mrs. Mary Brown.

Mrs. Mary Brown, of Sunbury, died at the home of her son-in-law, Dr. J. R. Cressinger, on Wednesday night, aged 81 years, 5 months and 13 days. She was born in Columbia county, and her maiden name was Wenck, and was related to the Wencks of this place. She outlived two husbands. Her first husband was Thomas Brice. This union was blessed with eight children, four of whom survive, viz: Mrs. H. G. Kauffman, of Oregon, Ill.; Mrs. Cressinger, of Sunbury; Mrs. W. L. Snyder, of Montandon, and Mrs. Nora Kapp, of Baltimore. Her second husband was James C. Brown.—Northumberland *Press*.

Dropped Dead.

Reuben Belles dropped dead while making some alterations to a buggy at his home in Orangeville, Saturday evening. A sudden attack of heart failure is supposed to have been the cause. He was sixty three years of age, and for some time past has been conducting a stage line between Orangeville and Bloomsburg. His survivors are a wife and seven children Mr. Belles was a well and favorably known resident of the up creek village. The funeral occurred yesterday, with interment in the Orangeville cemetery.

FIRE ON IRON STREET.

A Two Story Building Owned by Mrs. A. J. Evans Damaged.

One fire every week has been the order of things in Bloomsburg of late. The location of the latest visitation of the destructive element was a two story frame building, on Iron Street, owned by Mrs. A. J. Evans. The entire first floor was occupied by Soo Wah, Chinese laundryman, while the second floor was used by Samuel Carbaugh, a barber.

A little before six o'clock Monday evening smoke was noticed to be issuing from the front window on the second floor, and in almost less time than it takes to tell it, the upper portion of the structure was enveloped in flames. An alarm was sent in from Box 13, located at Second and Center Streets, and brought a quick response from the firemen. The Winonas were the first on the scene, but owing to some little difficulty with the plug could get no water for several minutes. The Friendship Company which arrived second was more fortunate in having attached to one of the new plugs, and soon had a stream of water playing on the building. But not until the first mentioned company had succeeded in getting water, were the fears of the total destruction of the building and several of the adjacent buildings allayed.

The building was insured. The loss sustained by Mr. Carbaugh will be keenly felt, as his tools and furniture were completely destroyed. Soo Wah's greatest loss was forty dollars in money, which was taken during the excitement. We have been informed that the party who committed the theft is known and an arrest will follow if the money and clothing, which was also taken, are not returned.

ORGAN RECITAL.

An organ recital will be given in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday evening, January 9th, by Edgar L. Fulmer, organist of Grace Lutheran Church, Reading. Mr. Fulmer gave two recitals on the large organ in the Auditorium of the National Export Exposition in Philadelphia last month, and the city papers spoke very highly of him. The program will not be composed entirely of selections that no one but educated musicians can understand, but will include some popular numbers. It is also expected that there will be some vocal numbers. The church will hold 500 people comfortably, and it ought to be filled. No tickets will be sold, but silver contributions will be received at the door. Remember the date, January 9th, and make your arrangements so that you can attend, as we believe we can safely promise that it will be the best organ recital that has yet been given in Bloomsburg. 2t.

The Phillips—Stevens Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Stevens at New Columbus was the scene of a very pretty wedding on the evening of December 7th, the contracting parties being their daughter Florence and Mr. Arthur Phillips, of Dodson Chapel. Promptly at eight o'clock the bridal party entered the room to the sweet strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Grace Bowman. The bride was attended by Miss Edna Bonham, of Register, and Jay Stevens, of Acme, W. Va., was best man. Only the near relatives of the bride and groom were in attendance. After the ceremony a delicious supper was served. The house was tastefully decorated with evergreens and potted plants. The bride was the recipient of a number of handsome, useful presents, consisting of table linen, china, silverware, cut glass, lamps, etc.—Shickshinny *Echo*.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The work of taking up carpets and preparing them for the new home has begun and in the course of a week or so we expect to be occupying our new quarters.

Our present supply of carpets and furniture is wholly inadequate and as Christmas season is now on, it would be a fitting time to make presents to our new home in the shape of furniture, such as rockers and other easy chairs. Who will be the first ?

The formal opening will take place on Monday Jan. 1, 1900. An interesting program is being arranged and an enjoyable time is in store for all who will be present.

Danville is agitating the erection of a Soldiers' Monument in that town.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Special Christmas Services Sunday December 24.

Sunday school 9:00. Everything special, even the collection. At 10:00 in the Sunday School Room the baptism of children. At 10:30 Prelude—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Bartholdy. First Anthem by the choir—"Hark What mean these Holy Voices? Parks. Appropriate Sermon by the Pastor, Rev. B. C. Conner. Second Anthem—"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" Shuey. Postlude—"March in F" Supt. Junior League 2:00. Epworth League 6:00.

AT 7:00 P. M.

The following excellent program will be rendered by the Sunday school. The music by the school this year is considered by many the finest ever offered here.

PROGRAM.

Organ Voluntary.
Opening Chorus.
"Message of the Bells" By the School
Invocation. By the Pastor.
Chorus.
"Sing Alleluia." By a class of girls
Apostle's Creed.
By the whole school and congregation
Chorus.
"Message of ChristmasTime." By the school
Responsive Scripture Reading.
Song.
"I Know." By the entire Primary Department.
"Welcome Happy Christmas." By the Choir.
Recitation.
"The Message of the Bells." Harry Hartman
Chorus.
"Awake O Slumbering Hope." Recitation.
"Gifts for Jesus." Miss Bessie Wall
Solo.
"Beautiful Christmas." Mabel Peacock
Exercise.
"Prince of Peace." Thirteen little girls
Quartette.
"Ring Out Ye Merry Bells." Recitation.
By Bruce Fry
Chorus.
"Hear the Angels Singing
Recitation.
"A Story of Olden Times." Miss Helen Peacock
Chorus and Quartette.
Recitation.
"Christmas Day." Four Primary Boys
Recitation.
"The Christmas Tree." Five little girls
Recitation.
"Elsie's Christmas Dream." Miss Audrey Shoemaker
Remarks by the Pastor.
Closing Chorus.
"The Glad Bells." The Whole School
Doxology and Benediction.

Presbyterian Church.

The following musical program will be rendered in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday:

A M.

Organ Prelude, "Ave Maria,".....Kaff
Anthem, "The Joyful Morn is Breaking,"
.....Schnecker
Trio from Oratorio "Christus,"Mendelssohn
"Say Where is He Born."
Misses Bowman, Ravi and Miller.
Offertory Anthem, "Let us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem".....Steane
Soprano Solo, "Night of Nights", Vandewater
Miss Bowman.
Recessional "Carol"..... .....Parish Choir

7:00 P. M.

Carol, "Love of All the Ages".....Bullard
Adthem, "Magnificat".....Dorey
Offertory, "One Quiet Night" ....Vandwater
Signorina Ravi.
Anthem, "Nunc Dimittis".....Dorey

8:00 P. M.

Organ Postlude, "Marche et Chant Seraphique"... .... Guilmant
Tenor Solo, "Christmas"... .....Shelley
Mr. Colley.
Short Cantata for female voices, "Angels of the Bells,".....Foster
Misses Bowman, Ravi and Miller.

A series of musicales will be given during January, on Monday afternoons, beginning Monday, January 1, 1900, at 3:30 p. m. A silver offering will be asked at the door. The programs will consist of both vocal and instrumental numbers. The organist, Mrs. Colley, will be assisted by Miss Elsie Hicks. The public is kindly invited.

A Vote of Thanks.

At a recent meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. a vote of thanks was tendered all who so kindly assisted them in the Bazaar, either by giving, patronizing or otherwise helping, and they take this public way to express their gratitude. The following statement evidences the generous support the Bazaar received from the friends of the Auxiliary and association:

Amount taken in.....	$708.81
Paid out for expenses.....	91.24
Balance in Treasury.....	617.67

Orangeville citizens want that place incorporated into a borough.

William Buck has changed his residence from Clarkstown to Millville.

We have less light and more darkness today than on any other day of the year.

All applications for license in this county must be filed not later than Saturday next.

Melick & Magill, shippers of iron ores, have commenced shipping their product.

A nine year old son of Frederick Fetzer of Madison township, was buried on Friday last.

Raymond Ikeler has moved from Millville to Danville, where he has purchased a livery stable.

Death claimed Iliff Arter aged forty-five years, at his home near Creasyville on Thursday last.

P. F. Crawford was injured in the face by the explosion of a gun along the canal at Berwick on Tuesday.

William Flack of Watsontown, suffered a severe paralytic stroke on Monday. He formerly resided in Millville.

The Bloomsburg Store Co., windows present a varied assortment of holiday goods, including china, bamboo furniture, toys, lamps, etc.

A stranger attacked Mrs. J. W. S. Robison of Danville, on the street in that town yesterday, and attempted to rob her, but she screamed and he fled.

The Normal School basket ball team which accompanied the Student's excursion to the National Capitol, scored its first victory Tuesday evening, defeating Carrol Institute 12 to 5.

Charles Turner who has been proprietor of the brick hotel at Orangeville for some years past, on Tuesday moved to this town. Mr. Turner's father will conduct the hotel in the future.

Leaving the Shamokin Opera House Tuesday night between acts to quench his thurst at a hydrant along the Reading Railway tracks, Arthur Wagner, well known, stepped on the track and a train cut him in two.

Mrs. F. B. Hoffman died at her home, Silver Lake, Mass., Sunday night. She was a remarkable woman, in the handling of horses, traveled under the name of Myrtie Peak, and many years ago exhibited in Bloomsburg.

C. R. Housel & Son, proprietors of the Bloomsburg Market are prepared for the holidays. They are conducting one of the finest market stores in this section. Their stock of Christmas varieties is very large. The most exacting edible wants can be supplied by them.

SHOPLIFTERS.

Merchants will do well to keep an eye open for persons who are making a practice of going from store to store and helping themselves to such articles as they can find opportunity to slip under their cloaks or in their pockets. We know of three stores in Bloomsburg where goods have been taken by these thieves, and no doubt there are others. Most of our leading houses have made arrangements to have watchers, and it is likely that some of these shoplifters will be caught in the act, not knowing that they are being watched. Several persons are already under suspicion.

Calendars For 1900.

Calendars for 1900 may be obtained at this office by our subscribers and patrons. We cannot undertake to distribute them generally as it would require too many. We have plenty for all our patrons. Those who have paid in advance will receive them by mail. Others must call for them. 3t

Hotel For Rent.

The Park Hotel, at Towanda, Pa., is for rent. Possession given April 1st, 1900. Located in the heart of the town, opposite Court House. For terms, apply to Geo. E. Elwell, Bloomsburg, Pa., or E. W. Elwell, Towanda, Pa. tf.

BEN. GIDDING.

OUR CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Are all in and being shown.

We can give you all the novelties of the season:

House Coats, Dress Cases,
Smoking Jackets, Collar and
Handerchiefs, Cuff Boxes,
Overcoats, Collars,
Umbrellas, Cuffs,
Hats, Caps, Underwear,
Hosiery, Sweaters.

Almost anything in the line of men's wear.

OUR

HALF PRICE

on these Odds and Ends will continue for one week, and possibly, two.

BEN GIDDING.

Come in and see us. We'll treat you right.

The Leader Department Store.

Christmas time finds us well prepared for its special needs. As we always do, we make our selection of articles with an eye more to their durability, rather than to cheapness. A thing that keeps its freshness only for a few days or weeks, we do not bother much with. An article that pleases you and makes you happier the whole year is much more desirable than something cheap and trashy. So we have stocked our store with things which will be of use. Walk through our

Furniture Department

And see our FANCY ROCKERS. Never has our stock been as carefully selected as this year. Good, substantial, well made chairs, and another feature which must appeal to you. There are few duplicates. While carrying all the latest and best selling styles of finish and upholstery, we have a variety. You know how annoying it is to buy a pretty article and be told that Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Dash and a dozen others have exactly the same thing. The same is true of our

Fancy Tables.

Finish, the best; shapes, the newest; and for all purposes. Easels and screens for all uses.

Carpet Department.

We carry the largest line of rugs and art squares in the county. Smith's Moquettes, Bromley's Smyrnas, in all sizes. Then our own make of Brussels rugs. In fact, anything to brighten and freshen up the floors of the room can be found here. In art squares, we have them—2½ x 3, 3 x 3, 3 x 3½, and 3 x 4. No old stock. We have cleaned them all out.

On the First Floor will be Found Toys

And other fancy goods, particularly suitable for the Christmas season. Tree ornaments, from 1c up. Doll babies that talk and those who do not. Babies that go to sleep and stay quieter than their little mothers do. Sleds, express wagons—well, in fact, if you will read over your child's letter to Mr. Kriskingle, you will know what we have. We can answer the child's prayer. For the older folks, a large line of umbrellas, in price from $1 00 to $4 50. The newest shapes in handles are here. In fact, the goods have not been on exhibition a week yet. We have no old stock to work off.

Full lines of handkerchiefs, neckties, and the sweetest line of pocketbooks, card cases and other leather goods seen in Bloomsburg. New, too. Come, and walk through our store! Look over the stocks, and see how pleasant it is to shop in a clean, well lighted, well furnished store.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT will carry a full line of special goods for the Xmas indigestion. Currants, raisins, citron, Etc. Special prices on candies, nuts and fruits. Give us a call.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd.,

Fourth and Market Streets.

DEWEY'S SERVICE SWORD.

Bit of Steel Two Feet Long for Which $1,500 Was Offered.

A bit of steel a little more than two feet in length has been the attraction for some time for the patrons of a fashionable tailoring establishment, which does a large business with officers of the army and navy, writes a Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Though very plain and insignificant in itself, it is fascinating and important as having for long been the companion of the most notable and popular hero of the late war with Spain. Admiral Dewey, having been for many years a patron of this establishment, left his sword there to have its handle gilded, and the tailors were allowed to please their patrons by exhibiting it to them. Many are the offers that have been made for its purchase. In the presence of the writer a day or two ago one gentleman offered $500 for it. The makers of uniforms, etc., laughed and remarked that the person would have to raise the ante several times to be up to the figures of other would-be buyers of the famous weapon. A gentleman who overheard the offer of $500 declared himself for $1,000, and still another who was present counted out $1,500 in the long green. Of course the proprietor laughed at these absurd offers, as if to say there was not money enough in the world to purchase from Admiral Dewey this simple weapon that had been his side partner throughout all the days of anxiety and of victory during that passage of his life which gave him within a few short hours whatever gratification there was in the consciousness that he had won undying fame.

IT WAS DEWEY'S TREAT.

Once Each Season the Admiral Sends One Hundred Orphans to the Theater.

"In 1886," said Col. Frank Small, advance agent for a theatrical company, according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "I was in Washington with Rose Coghlan, playing at what was then Albaugh's opera house. One afternoon I was in the box office when three ladies came in, followed by 100 children, boys and girls. One of these ladies stepped up to the window and said: 'We have just an even hundred children here, and here is a check for $25 to pay for the tickets for them. She handed in a check signed George Dewey, and the tickets were passed out to the lady. The happy youngsters were soon enjoying the play. I didn't know George Dewey from Adam's off ox, and I asked the ticket man who he was. He told me that Mr. Dewey was a naval officer, and that it was not the first time that he had handled his checks in that way; that once each season, anyway, the children from some of the several orphan asylums were given such treats by the gentleman, but that he seldom attended a performance himself. Now, I have been in the theatrical business for many years, but that was the first time I ever knew any one person to be thoughtful enough to put up $25 for the purpose of affording enjoyment to the children of an orphan asylum."

ANCIENT ADVERTISING.

Picturesque Emblems with Which Tradesmen Once Made Their Wares and Occupations Known.

A noticeable survival of the picturesque old fashion of hanging emblems outside shops which dealt with the goods to be sold within, is the sign of the boot, which one may often see hanging outside a shoemaker's shop, says the London News.

Sign boots are made in two or three standard sizes and of other sizes to order. They are most commonly seen gilded, but sign boots are occasionally finished in some bright color, as, for instance, a brilliant red.

The boot signs may be bought in the establishment of the dealer in emblem signs, where there are also to be found the gilded fishes for the dealer in fishing tackle, the great gilded padlocks for the hardware dealer, and a variety of other signs of an emblematic character.

Besides these familiar gilded or painted smaller boots there is occasionally seen in front of shoe stores a giant boot, with the foot part perhaps three or four feet in length and the leg in proportion, four or five or six feet tall.

These great boots, of which the number used is limited, are made of sheet iron or tin and painted. They are not kept in stock for sale.—London News.

Antarctic Exploration.

In the Strand Magazine, Sir George Newnes tells the story of the Southern Cross Antarctic expedition up to February 27 of the present year. "What has happened since then none but the brave band of ten determined men can know until January next. Our winter is, of course, their summer, and then the ice will break up and melt and the Southern Cross, which has returned to warmer latitudes during the interval, will steam to Cape Adair once more." It is the belief of scientists that the most important work of exploration yet to be done lies in the antarctic continent, and the subject has a prominent place at all the geographical societies of the world.

Horses in Russia.

Russia is a country extremely rich in horses, the number of which has been estimated at 20,000,000, of which at least 1,600,000 are saddle horses fit for the purpose of war.

Dope for Oklahoma's Indians.

Oklahoma Indians have developed a craze for the mescal bean, a little-known narcotic of wonderful properties, producing marvelous color visions.

BAD FOR HUMMEL.

The Smith Whom He Accused Has Been Found.

Hummel, who is in jail awaiting trial at Williamsport on the charge of murdering his wife and three children, has been contending that a man named Smith, residing at Hazleton, was either the murderer or had taken the wife and children away. It now transpires that there is a Smith in that city and when the police of that city went to the house they found Smith and also three children answering the description of the supposed victims. Smith, however, denies knowing Hummel and said he had never heard of the alleged murderer before. The children, he said were his own offspring. The discovery of Smith makes the case against Hummel stronger than ever, as his statement that he knew nothing of Hummel and was never at his house knocks out Hummel's well constructed story.

The arrest of Hummel has recalled and revived interest in the murder of Amos Ritter, at Sedan, Delaware township, Northumberland county, a little over two years ago. Many of our readers will no doubt recall the mysterious circumstances which surrounded the finding of his body, in the backyard at his home. Hummel traveled in that part of the country at the time of the murder and a great many people are of the opinion that he knows something about it.

Orangeville Won.

Orangeville and Benton played a hotly contested game of foot ball at Orangeville Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10, Orangeville winning by a score of 5–0. The feature of the game was Derr's skirting the ends with the ball. Orangeville used "guards back" for repeated gains and kept ball in Benton's territory and would have scored oftener, but for McHenry's punting out of danger. For Orangeville Derr, L. Allabach and Zehnder Low excelled and Arthur McHenry and Laubach did best work for Benton.

THE LINE UP.

Orangeville.		Benton.
Herring	left end	Eves
O. Aliabach	left tackle	Hunsinger
DeLong	left guard	Davis
Monroe	centre	Edwards
Frey	right guard	Lewis
Hirleman	right tackle	Koontz
L. Allabach	right end	Laubach
O. Z. Low	quarter back	L. McHenry
Appleman	l. half back	(C.) Hirleman
Derr	r. half back	A. McHenry
Z. Low (C.)	full back	Raber

Referee — Buckalew, Bloomsburg. Timekeeper—Kisner. Time of halves—20 and 25 minutes.

Another Scheme.

The Kingston correspondent to the Wilkesbarre *Times* says: Two weeks ago two strangers arrived here and secured the right to place a register in the Exchange Hotel. They solicited a number of advertisements from local business men, securing six advertisements in all at $2 a piece. They were to be printed on blotter paper and then inserted in the register, they to furnish the book complete and place it in the hotel. After the advertising slips were printed they went to each one of their patrons and showed the slips and received their pay. As soon as the money was collected they threw the slips away and left town without placing the register in the hotel. By so cleverly duping the advertisers the swindlers made $12 for the day's work. They have evidently been operating in various towns down the river.

These chaps worked their game in Shickshinny and as usual caught those merchants who hardly ever advertise in their home paper, but let some fakir come along and they are the first to bite. Need the moral be mentioned.—Shickshinny *Echo*.

Women are Eligible.

It may not be generally known that women are eligible as census enumerators and as clerks in the compilation of the 1900 census, yet such is a fact. The rules and regulations for the taking of the census of 1880 were so drawn that there was no discrimination on account of sex. As a consequence many women were employed throughout the country as enumerators, and in every case did good work. In 1890 women again found occupation as clerks and as census takers, though then as now the fact that women were eligible to these positions was not as widely known as it should have been.

AGENTS WANTED To sell the MARSH READING STAND AND REVOLVING BOOK CASE. Best office or library article ever patented, and SELLS EVERYWHERE ON SIGHT, at a good profit. Why stand id'le with such a chance to make money? Ask the publisher of this paper to show you sample of this stand, or write us for full particulars at once.

(14d6m) MARSH MFG. CO.,
No 542 West Lake St., Chicago.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

Christmas Presents.

In the December *Ladies' Home Journal* Edward Bok writes in vigorous deprecation of the complicating of Christmas. "Much as we need simplicity in all the phases of our living," he contends, "its greatest need is sometimes felt at Christmas. And it seems a pity that we cannot make a beginning there. We could if we would simplify this question of presents: if we would leave out of our consideration all but the natural promptings of our hearts. If ever material considerations should be dismissed from our minds and lives it should be in connection with Christmas. If ever our friends should see our hearts—our real inner selves—it should be on Christmas Day. Not that we should be other than our real selves on other days. But as it is, we are not our actual selves on the day of all days when we should be. See how we strive that our present of this year shall suspass the one that we gave last year! See how instinctively we think of the material value of what we give, and actually of what we receive! See how we wrong ourselves by leaving needful things undone and inviting illness because we feel we must give something of our own making to a friend, when really a sigh goes into each stitch, instead of being frank with ourselves, and pleasing our friends infinitely more by being frank with them, and purchasing something at far less cost to our health. Every woman knows what I mean by this: the great evil of 'making things' for Christmas presents, when really neither the time nor the strength can be spared. In much the same way we complicate Christmas at the table."

Complicating Christmas.

Edward Bok writes, in the December *Ladies' Home Journal*, that "there must be some radical and growing departure from the right and best way of celebrating Christmas when each recurring year we hear a larger number of men saying, 'Well, I'll be truly thankful when this Christmas business is over.' And they are led to this remark generally by seeing their wives, mothers, sisters, or daughters, reach Christmas Day utterly tired out, with the prospect of a siege of illness as soon as Christmas is over. And it must be confessed that this state of affairs exists in thousands of homes. Women themselves frequently acknowledge their satisfaction when the day is over. Now, there is always something wrong when we make a burden of our pleasures. And if one of our sources of pleasure in the calendar's greatest gala day is derived from a feeling of thankfulness that it is over, there is something askew either in the way we prepare for, or spend, the day."

Decision on Adopted Children.

A new point in the adoption of children has been handed down by Judge Archibald, of Wayne county, in a case before Lackawanna court. He decides that after a child has been legally adopted the court has not the power to revoke the decree of indenture. The original relation of parent and child exists, however, notwithstanding the adopted parentage. The changed name of the old child remains, but there is nothing to prevent the child inheriting from its real parents or they from the child.

Tax Rule Revoked.

Another important ruling has been handed down by the commissioner of internal revenue in which he revokes his decision of October 24, when he declared that judgment notes under seal were taxable as bonds and as powers of attorney. The whole subject has been reconsidered by the commissioner, and the ruling received declares that Judgment notes, under seal are only subject to the same taxation as ordinary judgment notes, namely, two cents per $100, together with the 25 cent stamp for the power of attorney.

Corn and Hogs.

A writer put the matter very aptly when he said: Corn loaned to hogs is cash and a good investment. A hog is a condenser; he will put ten bushels of corn in less space than a bushel measure. He has been styled a manufacturer of hams, hair brushes, head cheese, tooth brushes, buttons, fertilizers, fats, bacon, whistles, knife handles, soap, sausage and satisfaction. He converts corn into coin and can buy what he will."

Lamp globes, for your parlor lamp. We can fit almost any kind of a lamp. Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

The Coming Census.

Population Schedule to be Commenced June 1, 1900.

The enumeration required by the Census Act will begin June 1, 1900, and must be completed within two weeks in all cities for which 8,000 inhabitants or more were reported in 1890. In all other districts, on or before July 1, 1900.

Each enumerator will receive a commission from the supervisor of his district, and he will be required to take and subscribe an oath or affirmation that he will faithfully discharge the duties required of him.

Enumerators' compensation is fixed by Section 16, of the Act of March 3, 1899, and a minimum rate of two cents for each living inhabitant; two cents for each death; fifteen cents for each farm and twenty cents for each establishment of productive industry. The compensation will not be less than three nor more than six dollars per day of ten hours actual field work.

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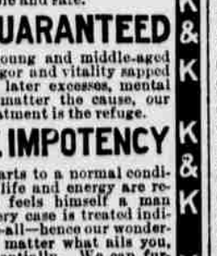

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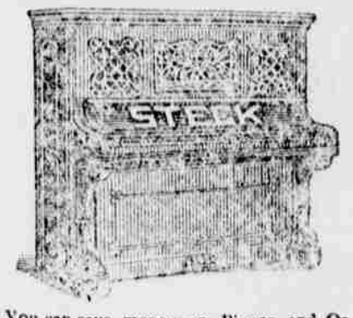

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 18, 1899.

Mr. McKinley isn't satisfied with the bossing Congress; he intends to boss the whole Republican shooting match. For some reason he has soured on Boss Platt's little scheme of making Gov. Teddy Roosevelt the Vice Presidential candidate, and he took occasion to tell the members of the Republican National Committee, which met in Washington Friday to choose the time and place for the next Republican National Convention, that Secretary Root would be nominated on his ticket. Boss Platt tries to make it appear that he means it when he says that Root's nomination for Vice President will be entirely satisfactory to him. Now, that it has become known that Mr. Root is Mr. McKinley's candidate and thick and thin worshippers at the McKinley shrine are falling into line and the Root boom is growing accordingly.

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Senator Allen, who has been appointed by the Governor of Nebraska to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late Senator Hayward, will be warmly welcomed as a staunch and valuable recruit to the ranks of the anti-gold standard Senators, who are preparing for a long and hard fight in the Senate against the gold standard bill, which Mr. McKinley has found it so easy to jam through the House.

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The Republican speeches in the House, last week, have contained lots of gush about "Republican prosperity" and "sound money," but very little praise of any portion of the gold standard bill, which will, if it becomes a law, put the control of the finances of the Country in the hands of bankers, enabling them to contract or expand the amount of money in circulation at will.

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Representative Cochran, of Mo., in an able speech against the McKinley gold standard bill, presented figures showing that there is not enough gold in the world to do the business of the world, and declared that the importation of gold to pay for the surplus crops exported to supply the failure of crops abroad had quickened trade and produced the prosperity of which the Republicans boasted, and warned the Republicans that when the stock of gold declined as he believed it was bound to do, the prosperity of today would crumble like a house of cards. Representative Sims, of Tenn., in his speech against the gold bill, called attention to a very important fact—that while wages did not average more than 10 per cent above the panic level, the price of manufactured goods had increased 100 per cent.

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Senator Petigrew's resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy to inform the Senate whether the flag of the Philippine republic was carried by vessels in Manila Bay and saluted by Admiral Dewey or any of the vessels of his squadron at any time since May 1, 1898, and whether a vessel flying the Philippine flag accompanied the United States Cruisers Concord and Raleigh to Subig Bay, in June 1898, to aid in compelling the Spanish force to surrender, asks for legitimate information, and should be adopted. If these reports are false the Administration ought to be glad of the opportunity to officially say so, but no such gladness is manifested. On the contrary, Mr. Pettigrew's resolution is to be smothered, not answered.

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Mr. Quay is in Washington, making a personal appeal to Senators to vote to seat him on the governors credentials. It is said that if he does not receive assurances from a sufficient number of Senators to make it absolutely certain that he will be seated, he intends to withdraw his application and credentials, but there is a doubt as to whether he could withdraw them.

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Some of the members of the House Committee which is engaged in investigating the charges against Roberts are themselves charged with being more anxious to get a free trip to Utah and back, with all expenses paid, than to complete the investigation and make a report. There seems very little probability that the report will be made to the House before the Christmas recess.

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It is no new thing to charge the U. S. Senate with being an extravagant body, but the itemized cost, as shown by the report of the Secretary of the Senate, of the furnishings bought for the Vice President's room in the Capitol, show that it is growing more extravagant all the time, Here are some of the items: Imported carpet $465, Antique desk $325, Mahogany tables $150, sofa $130, two rugs $212, two pair of lace curtains $300, velvet portiere $170, and a solid silver ink stand $1,000.

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The Democrats intend pushing trust legislation at this session of Congress. Senator Morgan of Ala., has introduced an anti-trust joint resolution which he says he intends forcing to a vote if it possibly can be done, and Senator Chilton, of Texas, says the same about the anti-trust bill he has introduced.

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The appointment of Gen. Leonard Wood, whose nomination to be Major General of Volunteers was confirmed by the Senate last week, to be Military Governor of Cuba, is regarded as the best thing that has happened for the Cubans for some time, as he has shown by his management of the province of Santiago that he thoroughly understands how to get along with them.

Bishop Doane on Divorce.

Bishop W. C. Doane, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Albany, writes to the *Press* on "How to Check Divorce" as follows:—

"In reply to your inquiry as to some methods of arresting the evil of frequent divorce I would suggest that the first thing to do is to make marriage a more serious and solemn thing, and to safeguard it more than it is now. In dealing with the matter of divorce, the distinction ought to be more drawn than it is between separation from bed and board (which ought to be granted for many causes) and divorce with the right to remarry, which ought not to be granted, even by the State, for any but the one cause.

"In seeking to improve the general divorce laws this, I think, ought to be the aim: That the permission should be given only to the innocent party in a suit which proves sin before, or unfaithfulness after, marriage.

"Meanwhile, the recommendations of the national commission on reform laws are helpful and hopeful in many directions, requiring a residence in all faith for one year. The attitude which I think the churches ought to take is to forbid the clergy to marry any divorced persons divorced for any cause whatever arising after marriage. At the same time, in the case of the innocent party in a divorce suit for unfaithfulness I think that no clergyman should be allowed to refuse the sacraments without having the case submitted either to the bishop or to somebody authorized to investigate it, in the form of a diocesan court, if such arrangement shall be made.

The Baby's Go-Cart.

"There lie before me the opinions of some twelve of the best informed physicians on the question of the go-cart, and without exception they condemn its use for a child under two years of age," writes Edward Bok, in the December *Ladies' Home Journal*, pointing out the dangers of the "go-cart" for babies. "As every one knows who has seen this new preambulator, it is practically the old baby carriage cut in halves. The child's legs dangle over an abrupt edge, and his back is supported by a perfectly straight rest. It is, in reality, nothing more than a chair on wheels. The child is forced to take an upright sitting position, instead of being able to assume that recumbent posture which the old carriage allows. The child cannot lie down in the go-cart, and therefore during his entire outing he is compelled to assume a fatiguing position, and to depend upon unaided muscles for support at a time of life when the back easily becomes tired. The result is that no invention recently created is more clearly or directly inducive to spinal curvature."

The Next Century Question Settled.

The question as to when the next century begins has been settled by the Pope, so far as Catholics are concerned. This is done in the official text of the Congregation of Rites at Rome, proclaiming the Holy Year, which was received at the Apostolic Delegation, at Washington. The Pope in this decree grants the extraordinary privilege of celebrating midnight mass on December 31, so that throughout the world in all Catholic churches the holy sacrifice of the mass will be solemnly offered "at the moment the old century dies and the new one begins."

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Every man or woman engaged in business, no matter how small their sales may be, will be compelled to pay tax on the same. The change will add largely to the work of the mercantile appraisers.

Blanks will be printed, a copy of which will be given to each individual, firm or corporation engaged in business in the county, and each will be required to state thereon the whole volume of business which has been transacted during the preceding year, that being the basis upon which license will be rated.

English Plum Pudding.

Seed first one pound of raisins, when preparing to make an English plum pudding; mix with them a pound of currants and half a pound of minced orange peel; dust over a quarter of a pound of flour. Chop fine one pound of suet; add to it a quarter of a pound of brown sugar, half a nutmeg, grated, three-quarters of a pound of stale, dry bread-crumbs. Mix all the ingredients together. Beat five eggs, without separating, until light; add to them half a pint of grape or orange juice; pour over the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. The mixture should not be wet, but each particle should be moistened. Pack this into small greased kettles or moulds. It will fill two three-pound kettles. Put on the covers, stand the moulds in the steamer, and steam steadily for ten hours. The easier way is to get the ingredients ready the night before; mix and put them on early in the morning, allowing them to cook all day. Take them from the steamer, remove the lids of the kettles or moulds, and allow the puddings to cool; then replace the lids and put the puddings away. They will keep in a cool place for several months or a year.—December *Ladies' Home Journal.*

Where Private Stuteville was Shot.

Albert Stuteville, of Company L, Twentieth Kansas, living south of Abilene, Kas., has a curiosity in his rifle carried in the Philippines. After he had discharged it at Malolos and before he took the gun from his shoulder a Filipino bullet entered the muzzle of the gun and lodged there. The government has asked Stuteville to place the gun in the Smithsonian institution, with an account of the incident, which he will do.

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Chulasky	....	.....	.....	15 07
Danville	6 50	2 12	10 21	6 13
Catawissa	7 03	2 26	10 32	6 28
Rupert	7 09	2 31	10 36	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 15	2 36	10 41	6 39
Espy	7 23	2 42	10 46	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 30	2 48	.....	6 52
Briarcreek	7 38	.....	.....	17 00
Berwick	7 45	3 01	11 04	7 06
Beach Haven	7 53	3 07	....	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 04	3 13	.....	7 25
Shickshinny	8 14	3 24	11 30	7 37
Hunlock's	8 27	3 34	.....	7 48
Nanticoke	8 35	3 42	11 45	7 56
Avondale	8 40	3 46	.....	8 01
Plymouth	8 45	3 51	11 52	8 06
Plymouth Junction	8 50	3 55	.....	8 11
Kingston	8 57	4 02	12 00	8 18
Bennett	9 00	4 06	.....	8 21
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6.50	11.43	6.09	1.45	.Light St..	9.05	2.59	7.05	6.50
6.40	11.33	5.59	1.30	Orangevil'e.	9.15	3.10	7.14	7.10
6.29	11.21	5.48	1.00	.Forks...	9.23	3.20	7.24	7.35
6.25	11.19	5.44	12.53	...Zaner's...	9.27	3.24	7.28	7.48
6.18	11.12	5.37	12.45	.Stillwater.	9.33	3.30	7.33	8.00
6.08	11.05	5.27	12.35	...Benton..	9.43	3.40	7.42	8.30
6.04	11.00	5.22	12.10	..Edson's...	9.47	3.44	7.47	8.40
6.02	10 58	5.20	12.08	.Cole's Cr'k.	9.50	3.47	7.51	8.46
5.53	10.52	5.13	11.53	..Laubach..	9.58	3.57	8.01	9.00
5.48	10.43	5.03	11.45	...Central..	10.10	4.07	8.11	9.25
5.42	10.40	5.00	11.30	.Jam. City..	10.14	4.10	8.15	9.35
pm	a m	p m	p m		a m	p m	p m	a m
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Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect Nov. 19, '99

	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Scranton (D & H)	6 45	9 18	1 21	4 25
Pittston "	7 08	10 10	1 42	4 52
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
Wilkesbarre lv	7 30	10 5	1 30	5 00
Plymouth Ferry "	7 38	10 02	1 38	5 08
Nanticoke "	7 46	11 10	1 46	5 16
Wapwallopen "	8 12	11 32	2 43	6 25
Nescopeck ar	8 24	11 52	4 05	7 00
	A. M.		P. M.	P. M
Pottsville lv	6 00		12 00	5
Hazleton "	7 08		2 00	5 50
Tomhicken "	7 25		2 18	6 10
Fern Glen "	7 32		2 27	6 17
Rock Glen "	7 38		2 34	6 2
Nescopeck ar	8 03		3 00	6 51
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
Nescopeck lv	8 24	11 52	4 05	7
Creasy "	8 33	12 02	4 14	7
Espy Ferry "	8 43	12 10	4 22	7 20
E. Bloomsburg "	8 47	12 14	4 27	7 25
		P. M.		
Catawissa ar	8 55	12 21	4 34	7 32
Catawissa lv	8 55	12 21	4 34	7 32
S. Danville "	9 14	12 38	4 50	7 51
Sunbury "	9 35	1 00	5 15	8 15
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M	P. M.
Sunbury lv	9 42	1 10	5 45	9 25
Lewisburg ar	10 13	1 45	6 18	
Milton "	10 08	1 39	6 14	9 50
Williamsport "	11 09	2 30	7 10	10 40
Lock Haven "	11 59	3 40	8 07	
Renovo "	A. M.	4 40	9 00	
Sinnemahoning "		8 25		
	P. M.	P. M.		
Lock Haven lv	12 10	3 45		
Bellefonte ar	1 05	4 44		
Tyrone "	2 15	6 00		
Philipsburg "	4 23	8 26		
Clearfield "	5 07	9 09		
Pittsburg "	6 55	11 30		
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M
Sunbury lv	9 50	1 55	5 25	8 31
Harrisburg ar	11 30	3 15	6 55	10 10
	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Philadelphia ar	3 17	6 28	10 30	4 25
Baltimore "	3 11	6 10	9 4	2 30
Washington "	4 10	7 15	10 55	4 05
	A. M.	P. M.		
Sunbury lv	10 57	2 45		
	P. M.			
Lewistown Jc ar	11 40	3 50		
Pittsburg "	6 55	11 30		
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M
Harrisburg lv	11 45	3 45	7 20	10 30
Pittsburg ar	6 55	11 30	2 00	5 30

‡ Weekdays. Daily. f Flag station

	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M
Pittsburg lv	7 10	8 30	2 50	8 00
Harrisburg ar	1 55	A. M. 3 40	1 9	P. M. 3 10
Pittsburg lv	.....	A. M.	P. M.	A. M. 8 00
Lewistown Jc. "	.....	7 30	3 43	P. M. 3 40
Sunbury ar	.....	9 20	5 03	5 30
	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M
Washington lv	10 40	.....	7 55	10 50
Baltimore "	11 55	1 45	8 55	12 00
Philadelphia "	11 20	1 30	8 40	12 25
	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Harrisburg lv	3 35	7 55	11 40	4 00
Sunbury ar	5 05	9 36	1 10	5 40
	P. M.		A. M.	A. M
Pittsburg lv	12 45	.....	2 50	8 00
Clearfield "	4 09	.....	.....	9 31
Philipsburg "	4 56	.....	.....	10 12
Tyrone "	7 15	.....	8 10	12 30
Bellefonte "	8 31	.....	9 32	1 42
Lock Haven ar	9 30	.....	10 30	2 43
	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Erie lv	4 30	.....	.....	.....
Kane "	7 55	.....	6 00	.....
Renovo "	11 10	6 40	10 30	.....
Lock Haven "	12 00	7 33	11 25	3 00
	A. M.		P. M.	
Williamsport "	1 05	8 30	12 40	4 00
Milton "	1 56	9 19	1 27	4 52
Lewisburg "	.....	9 05	1 15	4 47
Sunbury ar	2 27	9 46	1 55	5 20
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
Sunbury lv	10 55	1 9 55	2 02	5 48
S. Danville "	7 18	10 17	2 21	6 09
Catawissa "	7 36	10 35	2 37	6 27
E. Bloomsburg "	7 42	10 43	2 43	6 32
Espy Ferry "	7 46	10 47		6 36
Creasy "	7 56	10 56	2 55	6 46
Nescopeck ar	8 06	11 06	3 05	6 55
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Wapwallopen ar	8 18	11 20	3 16	7 09
Mocanaqua "	8 28	11 32	3 25	7 21
Nanticoke "	8 48	11 54	3 46	7 42
		P. M		
Plym'th Ferry "	8 57	12 02		7 52
Wilkesbarre "	9 05	12 10	4 05	8 00
	A. M	P. M	P. M.	P. M
Pittston (D & H) ar	9 39	12 49	4 52	8 36
Scranton " "	10 08	1 18	5 20	9 05

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For Catawissa weekdays 7.30, 8.38, 11.30 a. m., 12.20, 3.40, 5.00 6.30, p. m.

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Leave Pottsville 12.30 p. m.

Leave Tamaqua 1.49 p. m.,

Leave Williamsport weekdays 10.00 a m, 4.30 p m.

Leave Catawissa weekdays, 7.00, 8.20 9.10 a. m 1.30 3.40 6.08

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1899.

A very strange feature of the war in the Philippines is that Gen. Otis always knows where Aguinaldo is, and yet does not know the location of several divisions of his own army.

A grand jury investigation, at Lansing, Michigan, recently conducted, to look into the expenditure of State war funds during the mobilization of troops for the Spanish-American war, has revealed a sale of military stores and supplies, sold by the authorities of the State, for $10,500, and shortly thereafter re-sold to the State for $61,000. To call it grand larceny hardly describes it. In speaking of the matter the Philadelphia *Record* says: "Somebody ought to go to jail for such crookedness." Just so, but it is more than likely that the very fellows who planned and committed the gigantic swindle will be lionized by the community for their smartness. Simlar occurrences in other states could be discovered, were investigations to be made.

THE SITUATION IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The past week has been a bad one for Great Britain. Day after day, according to dispatches, her forces have been driven back, suffering great losses.

The most humiliating defeat of the number she has suffered was that of Gen. Buller. On the morning of the 15th he moved in full force against the Boers, but the fire of the enemy was too severe, and he was forced to retreat. He suffered heavy losses. Of eighteen horses, thirteen were killed. A number of big guns were captured by the Boers. Buller's defeat has startled England as nothing has done in recent times, and from now on it can be depended upon that the country will go to war, with her full strength, because the life and future of the British Empire depends upon it. But she should call a halt. It is useless to sacrifice life, in her present condition. Her every attempt to invade Boer territory has been futile. Let her accept the assistance proferred by the colonies, mass a great army in Africa, and then strike a decisive blow.

The Proposed Enlargement of the White House.

From time to time suggestions have been made to enlarge and otherwise improve the White House, and a bill having that end in view has been introduced by Senator Cullom. The reason given for the proposed enlargement is that the Presidential mansion has become in effect a business office for the Executive, and that the head of this great nation has been forced by the encroachments of his clerical force into narrower living quarters than most well-to-do private citizens would be content to occupy.

The President practically lives in a few rooms of his big house, and has been compared to a tailor living over his store. The obvious remedy would be the removal of the President's "shop" from the apartments intended for residential purposes. A suitable building could be erected for the accommodation of the President's clerical force at a less cost than would be required to remodel the Executive Mansion. Moreover, the White House should be preserved intact, if for no other reason than because of its historic associations. The shades of Abigail Adams and Dolly Madison forbid that the fine bit of "colonial" architecture should be defaced by tawdry additions.—*Phila. Record.*

MAJOR GENERAL LAWTON KILLED.

Shot Down by a Filipino Sharpshooter on Tuesday Morning.

Major General Henry W. Lawton was killed Tuesday morning while leading a cavalry troop against General Geronimo, near San Mateo.

While the cheers of his men were mingling with the rifle volleys that just preceded the grand rush into the town, he was struck down by a bullet from a Filipino sharpshooter's rifle.

All the morning he had been smiling, though the bullets whistled around him and clipped the grass at his feet. Staff officers called his attention to the danger he was running, but his contempt for rifle balls only caused him to laugh at their fears.

Suddenly he stopped, clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand, and reeled into the arms of a staff officer. Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who came up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid upon a stretcher, the great white helmet that he always wore covering the face that even in death wore a smile.

General Lawton left home Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday to lead an expedition through Mariquina Valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the war. The valley has several times been invaded, but never held by the Americans. General Geronimo was supposed to have there the largest organized force north of Manila, and General Otis wished to garrison Mariquina.

Accompanied by his staff and Troop I, Fourth Cavalry, General Lawton set out at 9 o'clock in advance of the main force, consisting of the Eleventh Cavalry and one battalion each of the Twentieth and Twenty-seventh Infantry, which started from La Loma at midnight.

With a small escort he led the way through an almost pathless country, a distance of fifteen miles, over hills and through canebrake and deep mud, the horses climbing the rocks and sliding down the hills. Before daybreak the command had reached the head of the valley.

San Mateo, which lies between a high mountain and a broad, shallow stream with white sand bars, which the insurgent trenches and the building commanded, was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three-hours' fight ensued. The Americans were compelled to ford the river under fire. It was while they were lying in the rice fields and volleying across, preparatory to passing the stream, that General Lawton was shot. All except the officers were behind cover. A staff officer was wounded about the same time, and one other officer and seven men were wounded.

After three hours' shooting the Filipinos were dispersed into the mountains. Colonel Lockett took command when General Lawton fell.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

—On January 1 Dr. J. R. Flickinger, principal-elect of the Lock Haven State Normal School, will assume the duties of his new position.

—York Springs is without religious service, the Methodist Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Episcopal pulpits being vacant through resignation and death.

—The ex-county commissioners of Bradford county, who were surcharged with $36,000 for misappropriated funds, have settled the matter by the payment of $20,000.

—A fruit canning factory is now being agitated by some of the Montoursville merchants, and it is believed it would make a profitable investment and give employment to quite a number of hands.

—D. K. Heckman last week sold a tract of valuable timber land, in Sugar Valley, to Edgar Holt, of Northumberland, and James Schrack, of Lewisburg, for $7,000. By this sale the most valuable tract of white pine and white oak timber in Sugar Valley changes owners. The timber will likely be manufactured in Sugar Valley in the near future.

—With about three-quarters of a million dollars in his bank account, Frank Belcher, who left Scranton about six years ago for Alaska, a poor man, is visiting his old home. He was on hand when the gold strike was made in the Klondike and secured rich claims near Dawson. He was formerly a laborer in a coal mine.

Cruelly Beaten and Robbed.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lockwood, at Mt. Carmel, aged 75 and 72 years, respectively, was broken into by burglars Tuesday night, and $875.00 in gold coin, the couple's savings for many years, was carried away. The old people, besides being robbed, were cruelly beaten and kicked. Part of the aged woman's clothing was torn off. They were both tied to chairs and left in a helpless condition. There were five in the gang. A few hours after the robbery an attempt was made to break into the Mammoth store at Centralia by the same gang. The night watchman shot several times at them with a revolver, but they sought cover, and creeping down an embankment, escaped.

Town Killers Classified.

Town killers are classified into eight separate branches as follows: First, those who go out of town to do their shopping; second, those who are opposed to improvements; third, those who imagine they own the town; fourth, those who prefer a quiet town to one of vim and enterprise; fifth, those who deride public spirited men; sixth, those who oppose every movement that does not originate with them; seventh, those who oppose every movement that does not appear to benefit them; eighth, those who seek to injure the credit or reputation of individuals.

Orangeville is to lose one of its physicians, Dr. A. P. Stoddart, who has been located in that town for many years, will move to Scranton.

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If a mortgagee pays insurance, taxes and assessments to protect property under mortgage to him, such money shall become a part of the mortgage debt.

Blind persons may be exempt from taxation to the amount of $3,000.

The governor must proclaim arbor and bird days.

Parents are responsible for their truant children.

The United States flag must not be disfigured with inscriptions.

You will be fined for digging more than one peck of clams on the Fairfield beach.

Rabbits are protected in the close season.

If you wish to collect birds' eggs you must have a licence from the game commissioners.

Typewritten deeds, wills and contracts are binding, and standard ribbons are prescribed.

Trout hatched from the egg by growers may be sold between February 1 and October 1.

You must kill wild ducks, geese and brant with a gun that must be raised at arm's length and discharged from the shoulder.

All children in the schools must have their eyes tested.

Dealers in second-hand bicycles must keep records.

Lodging house keepers must keep their books in English.

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Cups & saucers, " 10c to 1 50
Chop plates, " 25c to 4 75

Cream pitchers, trays, of all kinds. Mugs, vases, pepper and salts, platters, fruit saucers, from 10c up.

The Kid Glove Equipment.

Regular lines re-inforced, new lines especially bought for Christmas. Dress gloves, lined gloves, driving gloves, walking gloves. Every kind of good hand wear and all priced to please.

Good kid gloves, all colors, at 75c.

Guaranteed ones, $1 00.

Centemeri gloves, all colors, $1 25.

Lined gloves, for boys, from 50c up.

Men's lined gloves, $1 00, $1 50.

Ladies' lined gloves, $1 00, $1 35, $1 50.

A Big Christmas Cloak Sale.

Lots of stylish jackets and capes, bunched together for quick selling. Your gift-giving money can be spent to some purpose here. Kindly read every offering:

$9 50, $10 00, $12 00 coats, at $8 89.

$8 50, $10 00 coats, at $6 89.

$8 50, $5 00, $7 50 coats, at $4 29.

The Lily Patent Flour is a new brand put up for this store. In order to get it introduced we will sell it to you at $3 60 per Bbl. We sell it with this understanding: If you can't bake good bread out of it we will take it back and give you your money.

F. P. Pursel

Oh! Where Shall We Go?

At this season of the year when people are troubled so much over what to select for their friends in the line of presents for Christmas they often worry about where to find a well selected assortment at prices within reach of all.

Just one peep at our show windows will relieve your mind on the subject where to make your choice, and to convince you that we have great bargains. Call and get our prices. See our great line of holiday slippers, umbrellas, parasols, mackintoshes, purses, towels, napkins, bureau scarfs, pillow shams, books, dolls, games, &c.

In Bamboo Furniture

We can give you table stands, jardiniere stands, Japanese seats, corner chairs, pedestals, &c.

Handkerchiefs, All Grades.

Hundreds of loving messages from the little ones to Santa Claus can be satisfactorily answered from these stores each day. In every nook and corner of Toyland the jolly little saint has left substantial evidence of his love for the little folks.

China Department.

New goods in jardinieres, 75c to $2 25; pedestals, $2 25 to $5 00; lamps, 35c to $12 00. In artistic shapes, rich colorings and beautiful decorations. You cannot know what we have unless you see them. Our new lamps, on sale, show the greatest line in town. We are equipped to satisfy every demand of the lamp buyer.

Holmes, Coutts & Larabee's choice wafers and biscuits.

Nuts and Candies.

Our line is complete—from the cheap 10-cent mixture to Lowney's best. Oranges, bananas, &c.

It does not matter what you need for the holidays, it will pay you every time to visit our store.

Bloomsburg Store Co., Limited.

Corner Main and Centre. ALFRED McHENRY, Manager

CANDIES, CANDIES!

The cheapest place in town to buy your

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

—IS AT—

Geo. Anderson's.

MIXTURES OF ALL KINDS.

Ureka Mixture, 7c. lb., or 4 lbs. 25c.
French Mixture, 15c. lb., or 2 lbs. 25c.
Broken Candy, 10c. lb.
Fine Chocolates, 20 and 25c. lb.

GEO. ANDERSON,

44 East Main St. Bloomsburg, Pa.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c.
If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Shoes!

Do You Know

We have the Largest Stock of Shoes in the County?

You will make a mistake if you fail to see our lines before doing your shoe buying.

W. H. Moore,

COR. SECOND AND IRON STS.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

LIFE'S PATHWAY.

A maiden 'neath the linden stood
One fragrant summer day;
The breezes rippled through the wood
Like sportive elves at play.
They touched her cheek, her braided hair,
They kissed her lips and brow.
The maiden smiled. "Life is so fair,
Could love but bless it now!"

A woman to the linden came,
With children at her knee;
They plucked the lily's ruddy flame,
And laughed in careless glee;
For her the robin's clearest lay,
The sweets of bush and bine.
"Life is so bright," she said, "to-day,
If only wealth were mine!"

Beneath the bending linden tree
An aged woman passed,
When shadows deepened o'er the lea,
Uncertain, vague and vast.
"Oh love may fail," she said, "and gold
Grow dark as humid sod;
Life's path is fair, when all is told,
Because it leads to God."
—Lalla Mitchell, in Good Housekeeping.

A New Kind of Duel.

By DAVID KER.

EVERYONE said — although they took care to say it only when he could not hear them—that Squire Fitzgerald, popularly known as "Fighting Tom," was born to be the plague of all his neighbors. If so, he certainly fulfilled the purpose of his birth better than most men do.

He seemed to have no other object in life except finding a quarrel to fight out, or else fighting out a quarrel that he had found. When no pretext for a row was to be had, Fighting Tom was the quickest man alive at inventing one; and, indeed, it seemed to be all one to him, provided the affair ended in a fight, whether the man with whom he fought had done anything to him or not.

What with horsewhipping, knocking down, shooting or "pinking" with a small sword, every man who could be brought to give him the chance, our worthy Mr. Fitzgerald had made such good use of his opportunities that there was not a man in the parish to whom he had not done something, and it was a favorite joke with the wags of the neighborhood that the fighting squire could not sleep at night if he had happened to go through a whole day without killing or hurting some one, which did not happen often, as you may suppose, in times when gentlemen fought with their best friends for a chance dispute about the speed of a horse or the color of a dog.

It was a sight to see this terrible fellow galloping into the little town on a market day upon his great black horse, which no one could ride but himself, with his hat cocked fiercely over one eye and his heavy whip in his hand, ready for a good cut at anybody who might dare to get in his way; but it was seldom enough that he had a chance of using it, for the moment he was seen coming down the road everybody took to their heels as if he had been a mad dog.

And then he would swagger into the coffee room of the King George, where the farmers used to dine, and take the best seat at table and lay down the law to the whole company, watching all the while to see if anyone would dare to contradict or oppose him.

But it was very rarely that anyone did so; for he was a great, brawny fellow, six feet high and quite as ready with his fists as with his sword or pistol, and it was his favorite boast that "there wasn't a man within ten miles of his house whom he couldn't thrash easily."

We have said that this amiable gentleman was popularly believed to have quarreled with every man in the parish of Bullocksham. But this belief, though correct enough in the main, was not entirely so. There was one man with whom he had never quarreled, for the simple reason that the most quarrelsome man alive could scarcely have managed to get any cause of dispute out of dear old Jabez Goodharte, the Quaker.

For threats, abuse or loud talk of every kind, "friend Jabez" had but one answer, and that was to smile his own pleasant, kindly smile and say in his chirping little voice, which sounded just like the chirrup of a canary: "Men say that it taketh two to make a quarrel, friend, and I will not be one."

And Jabez certainly acted up to his words; for whereas Tom Fitzgerald carried with him wherever he went an atmosphere of strife and brawling, the kindly old Quaker seemed to put everybody in good humor with the mere sight of his compact little figure and bright, cheery face.

Sulky old Grimes, the tollman, who grumbled at everyone else, twisted his crabbed visage into a kind of wintry smile as Mr. Goodharte passed, and had even been known to wish him a merry Christmas—a most unheard-of stretch of cordiality for him.

Two hulking wagoners fighting in the market place had been stopped by Jabez stepping fearlessly in between them and joining their huge brown hands in his with a few words of kindly reproof.

Even stiff old Lord Ivytower, the proudest man in the whole county, had condescended to shake hands cordially with Mr. Goodharte and to give him five pounds for "his poor;" for Jabez seemed to consider all the poor of Bullocksham as his own especial property, and was always trotting about with baskets of food and bundles of flannel, now sitting up all night with a sick child, now reading to a blind old woman, and now putting an unemployed man in the way of getting a job.

Hitherto Fitzgerald had let his quiet little neighbor contemptuously alone, as not being a fighting man; but at length something occurred to make him change his mind. News reached him through one of those countless individuals who attend to everybody's affairs but their own that Jabez Goodharte had been heard to say, in answer to a neighbor who was warning him against Fighting Tom:

"Fear not, friend; if Thomas Fitzgerald seeketh to harm me, I am well able to overcome him."

Half an hour later the man of war stood in the little garden of the man of peace.

"Mr. Goodharte," said he, in a tone of stern politeness, as the Quaker came forward from among his flowers with his usual smile of welcome, "my name is Thomas Fitzgerald, and I dare say you will be at no loss to guess my errand."

"I shall guess it more easily, friend Thomas, when thou hast stated it thyself," answered Jabez, quietly.

"Well," said Fitzgerald, rather taken aback by this cool reception, after having so long made the whole neighborhood tremble at his very name. "I hear that you, sir, have thought fit to say that you were able to beat me if I should attack you, and, of course, such an expression can have but one result among men of honor. You understand me, I presume?"

"Perfectly, friend; thou wishest me to do what in the language of the world is called fighting a duel."

"Just so," said Fitzgerald, more and more astonished both at the Quaker's unexpected readiness to fight and at the coolness with which he spoke of it. "Name your friend, and I'll send mine to meet him."

"Friends have I many, I thank Heaven," quoth Jabez, "but none for such a purpose. Hear my conditions: We will meet at noon to-morrow on Wantley common, without seconds, on horseback, and with such weapons as each may choose; and whichever is first driven off the ground shall be considered beaten."

Fighting Tom laughed in spite of himself.

"It's pretty plain that you haven't had much to do with affairs of honor," said he; "but one can hardly expect a Quaker to be an authority on dueling. Well, sir, I accept your terms, such as they are; and the sooner you make your will, and take leave of your friends, the better, for you've got little enough time left."

Long before noon on the following day, Wantley Common was crowded as if either the king himself or a monster circus had been expected to pass that way. It still wanted a few minutes of 12 o'clock, when a clatter of horse hoofs was heard from the direction of the town, and up rode Tom Fitzgerald on his famous black horse, with a sword by his side and pistols in his holsters, looking fiercely round for an enemy.

Suddenly a hum ran through the expectant crowd, and, just as the first stroke of 12 pealed from the old church tower, Jabez Goodharte was seen jogging comfortably along on an ambling pony, holding in his hand something that looked like a long pole, though the end of it was hidden under his crimson dressing-gown.

This dressing-gown, fluttering in the wind like a flag, was too much for the nerves of Fitzgerald's horse, which began plunging and rearing so violently as almost to unseat its rider.

Several of the lookers-on burst out laughing, and the enraged bully, hurling a storm of abuse at them, charged at Goodharte with drawn sword, meaning to cut him down like a thistle.

But just then Jabez whisked out his pole, with a bladder full of dried peas at the end of it, the rattle of which scared the already frightened horse almost out of its senses.

Round it wheeled, despite Fitzgerald's furious spurring, and tore off across the common at such a rate that in less than two minutes horse and rider were out of sight, the frantic yells of the squire being scarcely heard amid the deafening laughter of the crowd.

Then the flood of popular enthusiasm broke loose. The victorious Quaker was seized and carried shoulder-high into the town, with an accompaniment of cheering that made the windows rattle again.

The local papers were full of the duel for days after, and Jabez was so overwhelmed with visits and invitations to dinner that he hardly knew which way to turn.

As for Fighting Tom Fitzgerald, that day's work was the last of him, so far as Bullocksham was concerned, for from that morning he never showed his face there again. But, three or four years later, Mr. Hartiboy, the retired landlord of the King George, returning from a tour through southern Europe, brought word that Fitzgerald had died at Milan of a fit of apoplexy, caused by a waiter's impudent question whether he was fond of dried peas.—Golden Days.

Something Silly.

Sturdy Sammy Sampson sought sweet Sally Stevens' society so solicitously—several social societies severally said sententiously: "Sallie's surely secured Sammie! Sallie's Sammie's sweetheart! Sammie's Sallie's slave! Society shall soon see something startling!"

Saturday Sallie sat sewing steadily, singing softly. Suddenly seeing Sammie's shadow, she seized scissors, snipped savagely, still singing softly.

Sammie said, slyly: "Sweetheart, sing Sammy something sadly sweet."

Sallie started—seemingly surprised—saying: "Sammy Simpson, stop saying such silly stuff. Spoony sentiment sounds soft. Say something sensible."

So Sammy straightway said: "Sweetest Sallie, set something soon." Sallie serenely said: "Say Sunday." "Surely, sure," shouted Sammie, supremely satisfied.

Sequel: Sammie Sampson's safely secured. Sallie Stevenson's settled. Sammie's suited. Society's satisfied. — Boston Journal.

What Every Army Needs.

No army is complete without a press censor, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. He gains more victories and reports fewer losses than any other sort of an officer or soldier.

BIRDS CARRY MAIL.

New Zealand Has the Most Unique of All Postal Systems.

Carrier Pigeon Post in Daily Service Between Auckland and Great Barrier Island, About Sixty Miles Distant.

Unique among the postal systems through which have been developed means for communicating intelligence and aiding in the spread of civilization is the pigeon post which is in daily service carrying mail between Auckland, N. Z., and Great Barrier island, known as the Great Barrier Pigeon post. It affords an example of the work accomplished by feathered messengers more promptly and safely than it could be done by human means. Under its operation letters can be sent from any part of the world and delivered promptly at Great Barrier Island, whereas without the intervention of the winged letter carriers they might be delayed a week or ten days waiting for the sailing of a steamer from Auckland for the island.

The idea of establishing a pigeon mail service between the Great Barrier island, which is 60 miles by water from the city of Auckland, was originated by Walter Fricker, of that city, after the wreck of the steamship Wairarapa. On this occasion birds were used to carry dispatches from the wreck to Auckland, there being no cable communication, and a steamer only once a week. The population at that time was limited to about 100.

Then came the opening up of the gold, silver and copper mines, which industries were responsible for the increase in the population to 600 or 700. It was soon found necessary to obtain some better means of communicating with the mainland, and the Great Barrier pigeon post was inaugurated.

At the outset each bird carried one message only at the cost of two shillings, but subsequent experiments proved the birds could carry four sheets of tissue paper of quarto size, and the rate was reduced to sixpence for a message of one sheet.

The training of birds from Auckland to the island, which is low-lying and often enveloped in haze, seemed to present insurmountable difficulties, the birds being reluctant to leave the mainland on the long journey across the 60 miles of Hauraki gulf, but with patience and perseverance this was overcome. The service now has a large number of these diminutive messengers traveling both ways daily.

PIGEON WITH DISPATCH.
(A Valued Member of New Zealand's Unique Postal System.)

On account of the extra risk and trouble the charge from Auckland to the island is one shilling a sheet. Correspondence is dispatched daily from the island as required between the hours of nine a. m. and three p. m., and from Auckland up to noon daily. The time of closing is earlier from the city, owing to the difficulty experienced by the birds in "picking up" the island on account of the mists in the afternoon.

The birds are trained so that on arrival at either terminus they place their necks between two wires, raise these on their shoulders and walk forward into a box two feet square. The wires then fall back against a piece of metal, which rings an indicator bell and notifies an attendant, who removes the message and permits the bird to enter the loft.

The messages are folded, sealed with a stamp and are then attached to the pigeon's leg. Around the outside of the message is placed a waterproof legging to insure it from wet should the bird meet with bad weather.

Triangular stamps have just been issued by the Great Barrier pigeon agency. If one has friends on Great Barrier island and wishes at times to correspond with them without delay a stock of these pigeon stamps should be procured. Then he can post his message from any part of the world to the Great Barrier pigeon agency, Auckland, N. Z., who will tie the copied message upon the leg of "Hauraki" or another of their swift messengers, and away it will go over the treacherous sea which separates Great Barrier island from the mainland. If he includes a sixpenny return journey stamp the reply will come winging its way back to Auckland without further trouble to him. From there, of course, the message would reach him by the ordinary post.

From the Royal Table.

In the Austrian court it is contrary to custom for perishable articles to appear twice on the imperial table. The result is large perquisites to the attendants. To one man falls all uncorked bottles, to another the wine left in the glasses, to another the joints, and to another still the game or the sweets. Every morning a sort of market is held in the basement of the palace, where the Viennese come to purchase the remains.

Tobacco Aroma Microbes.

A well-known German scientist has discovered that the aroma of tobacco is due to microbes, and it is said he will patent, if he can, a process for making cheap cigars smell like expensive ones.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Cheap chemical dyes threaten the great indigo industry of Behar, India, where hundreds of thousands of families have found employment.

In the year ended June 30, 1897, the United States purchased 28,704,196 pounds of coffee from Mexico, valued at $4,573,865; the following year, 34,511,168 pounds, valued at $3,599,382; last year, 27,324,827 pounds, valued at $2,686,248. Prices are going down.

A pet dog was chloroformed to death and placed in the arms of its dead mistress, Miss Elizabeth Webster, of Syracuse, N. Y. This was in accordance with the dying wish of Miss Webster, who had expressed the desire to have the dog buried in the same coffin with her.

The death of Mr. Hamilton Y. Castner, the chemist, was announced a short time ago. He invented a process for producing sodium which enabled aluminum to be produced at a comparatively low price. He also invented a process for the electrolytical production of alkali and bleaching powder from common salt, and a process for making cheaply cyanide of potassium.

The noise of a thunderstorm aroused Miss Mary Maloney from a deep sleep in a hotel at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., and she saw a ball of fire pass close to her head. It struck the foot of her bedstead and shattered it into splinters. The terrified girl crawled to the hallway, uttered a piercing scream and became unconscious. In a few hours she had entirely recovered from the shock she experienced.

There is one family that admires William Mercer, of Raccoon Creek, W. Va. In the year 1868, at the age of 19, he married Miss Jennie Moffatt, of that place. Since that time he has successively married her four sisters, Ada, Catharine, Missouri and Anna. His first four wives all died of consumption. He espoused the fifth sister a few weeks ago. The parents of the girls offered no objection to any of the marriages.

There is honor among the lynchers of Alabama. At a lynching party in that state the discovery was made that the executioners had forgotten to bring a rope. In the victim's pocket was found 40 cents, and this sum was invested in the purchase of the rope. At the close of the tragic drama the lynchers, with a fine sense of honor, considering the 40 cents merely a loan, collected and returned the sum to the victim's family.

THE PUNSTER.

A thirsty physician must be a dry dock.

Actors do a lot of making up without quarreling.

A damp climate is undoubtedly the best for raising umbrellas.

No man ever produced the bubble of fame by blowing his own pipe.

Worth formerly made the man. Now it is the amount of money he is worth.

If you are at a loss to know how to take a man let him remain where he is.

Always purchase umbrellas in dry weather, as they are sure to go up whenever it rains.

A philosopher says a man occasionally gets light on a subject by scratching his head. So does a match.

The ivy doesn't cling to the stone wall half as tenaciously as the man who is engaged in repairing it at so much per day.

A man is liable to cast his bread upon the waters during his first ocean voyage, but it's his first excursion in a balloon that makes him soar. — Chicago Daily News.

TO HAVE IDEAL SERVANTS.

In brief, be businesslike.

Complete freedom after work is done.

Avoid personal supervision while off duty.

One afternoon and evening out each week.

Clean, wholesome bedroom; substantial food.

Do not be too pretentious with only one maid of all work.

Avoid interference with her religious and private life.

Run your household on business principles. Servants should have regular hours of service daily.

Do not let slipshod, careless work go unnoticed. A good mistress is critical, firm and exacting, but she always appreciates conscientious effort.

Do not permit familiarity from the baker's, grocer's or butcher's boys. Insist on respectful treatment to your servant, and set them the example.

Social privileges within reasonable discretion. If you have a young, good-looking, capable servant she probably wants a husband some day. Do not drive her into the street to get courted.

FASHION FRILLS.

Dead gold in flower designs is the fashionable thing for buckles and belt-clasps.

Neck scarfs of chiffon, liberty silk and velvet with silk fringe on the ends, are worn with street gowns.

Some very smart gowns are made of a dull soft black satin trimmed with narrow stitched bands of black cloth.

Beaver color is one of the newest shades for cloth gowns, and still another pet fancy is a beige color combined with a blue shade of light green.

Meshed chenille net is a feature of dress this season, used as an overdress and bodice over silk, and covering white bengaline for a short carriage wrap.

Boas, or full neck ruches of chiffon for street wear, are sometimes finished with long strands of black chenille, each having a jetted tassel. The strands are so long that they reach to the knees, and the ruche, which is very full, is edged with chenille, and just long enough to meet around the neck.

For Almost Nothing.

Native—Ye wanter keep purty straight in this here town, stranger, fer the citizens lynch a man on the slightest provocation.

New Arrival (smilingly)—Would yer lynch a feller fer killin' a dog?

Native—Would we? Why, say, I've knowed a feller to be lynched fer killin' a Chinaman.—Town Topics.

Similar But Different.

Miles—Where is your friend Jaggs now?

Giles—He's gone to the spirit land.

Miles—Indeed! It's strange I never heard of his demise.

Giles—Oh, he isn't dead. He's visiting relatives in Kentucky.—Chicago Daily News.

Her New Coat.

She is charming in her natty golfing suit,
She is charming in her graceful evening gown,
But in candor I must say
That her charms had fled away
When I saw her yesterday
In a box coat that was cut straight up and down.
—Chicago Times-Herald.

SOME OTHER FELLOW'S.

Ralph—Suppose a fellow's best girl gets mad when he asks for a kiss?

Curtis—Take it without asking.

Ralph—Suppose she gets mad then?

Curtis—Then he's got some other fellow's girl.—Harlem Life.

Kept His Word.

Whene'er he said he'd do a thing
He never hedged nor tarried,
So when he said he'd go to war
He went straightway and married.
—N. Y. Evening Journal.

A Philosopher.

Hopewell—I expect to make $20,000 out of that deal within six months.

Glumbird—I wouldn't count my eggs before they're hatched.

"That's a poor maxim. If you can get any fun out of counting them, it's so much gain. What you don't want to do is to discount them."—Brooklyn Life.

Knew What Was Coming.

She—Reggie, dear, there is something of the old-time love light in your eyes to-night—something about you that reminds me of those sweet days of long ago. I hope you have—

He—Yes, I have a little left. How much will let me out this time—ten or twenty?—Boston Globe.

Proved His Innocence.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak — I understand they found a shirt button in the contribution box, to-day. I hope you didn't put it there, John?

Mr. Crimsonbeak—Me? You ought to know I haven't had a shirt button on a shirt for six weeks!—Yonkers Statesman.

Matchmaker's Problem.

Hicks—It is hardly possible that a marriage should come out of it between two such persons.

Wicks—I don't know. He is a regular stick, and she has got enough brimstone in her to make a match.—Boston Transcript.

Discriminating.

"There are only two types of feminine beauty that I really admire."

"Indeed!" exclaimed Miss Cayenne.

"Yes, only two."

"And which are they?"

"Blondes and brunettes."—Washington Star.

Where They Buy Them.

"I have resurrected what I think is the oldest joke in the English language."

"What are you going to do with it?"

"Sell it to a magazine for its department of humor, of course."—Chicago Post.

His Way Out.

Old Man—Don't you know that it is good deal more economical to buy ready-made clothing than it is to pay the prices charged by a fashionable tailor?

Young Man—It is, of course, if you pay the tailor.—Somerville Journal.

True to Her Promise.

Sue Brette—You see that girl over in the wings? She promised her father she'd never be an actress.

Foote Light—Well, she's kept her word, hasn't she?—Yonkers Statesman.

Slightly Wrinkled.

Isaacs—Shust look at dot, now; dot coat fits like der baber on de vall!

Smithers—Yes, so it does; like some paper I put on the dining-room, the other day.—Harlem Life.

Conflicting Recollections.

"Never talk with more than one old settler on a subject."

"Why?"

"They always contradict each other."—Chicago Record.

Her Meaning Explained.

Patience—Miss Styles was speaking about her wealth of back hair.

Patrice—Yes; she referred to the hair she had some time back. — Yonkers Statesman.

Learned by Experience.

Daughter—What is the dead-letter office, mamma?

Mamma — Your father's pocket.—Brooklyn Life.

PLUCKED HIS FEATHERS.

Terrible Revenge of a Turkey Gobbler Upon a Vainglorious Peacock.

"I have always believed," the colonel continued, according to the Galveston News, "that animals have far more intelligence than they are commonly credited with. I am sure they can talk to one another. A case in point: You see that turkey gobbler and hen out there? Let me tell you an actual fact about them. L. M. Johnson presented me with a very handsome peacock. He was a splendid bird, and the beauty of his plumage was the wonder of the neighborhood. One afternoon I saw him strutting around and making a magnificent display of his gorgeous tail feathers. Mrs. Turkey looked on admiringly for awhile, and trotted over to where gobbler was quietly napping under a peach tree. They were engaged for a moment in earnest conversation.

Then Mr. Gobbler straightened himself up, stiffened his wings, gave a strut and proudly spread his tail feathers. Madame gave a contemptuous toss of her head and evidently laughed at him. I could see the fire in the gobbler's eye, and told Mr. Boubel, my engineer, who was with me at the time, to look out and we would see some fun, and we did. That gobbler marched straight over to where the peacock was still pirouetting and admiring the glint of his iridescent plumage, pounced on him and never let up until he had picked out the last feather of the gorgeous tail. I gathered up the feathers, put them together and gave them to Mrs. Gunnison. You can go over the river and see them if you want confirmation of the story. The poor peacock, after the loss of his tail, took no more interest in life, but pined away and died in less than a month."

A NEW HORSE FARE.

The Curiosity of the Man Who Saw Bread Delivered at a Stable Was Satisfied.

A delivery wagon of one of the big breadbaking factories of Yorkville stopped in front of an uptown livery and boarding stable the other morning, and two men at once unloaded barrels of bread and carried them into the stable, says the New York Journal. The bread looked good, and was good. There were all sorts and sizes of loaves in the barrels—"homemade," "rye," "Vienna," "potato," "graham" and "cottage."

The curiosity of a man who saw the bread being delivered to the stable was aroused, and he ventured to ask the proprietor of the stable what it meant.

"There's nothing remarkable about it," said the proprietor, with a laugh. "I simply buy it for horse feed. We grind the bread up and mix it with other feed, and it makes first-class food for horses. It is stale bread and costs us 40 cents a barrel, and there are 50 or 60 loaves to the barrel; so you see it comes pretty cheap. Some of the bread is only a day old, and is good enough for any man to eat; but the bread factories cannot sell it. What you see here are returned loaves from the groceries. I'll bet there is many a soldier who would like to have had as good bread in the war."

DUTCH LOVE SUNDAYS.

Four Sabbaths in November Are Fete Days in the Land of Dikes and Ditches.

The four Sundays of November are observed as fete days in Holland. They are known by the curious names of Review, Decision, Purchase and Possession, and all refer to matrimonial affairs, November in Holland being the month par excellence devoted to courtship and marriage, probably because the agricultural occupations of the year are over, and possibly because the lords of creation from quite remote antiquity have recognized the pleasantness of having wives to cook and cater for them during the long winter, says the Denver News.

On Review Sunday everybody goes to church, and after service there is a church parade in every village, when the youths and maidens gaze upon each other, but forbear to speak.

On Decision Sunday each bachelor who is seeking a wife approaches the maiden of his choice with a ceremonious bow, and from her manner of responding judges whether his advances are acceptable. Purchase Sunday the consent of the parents is sought if the suit has prospered during the week. Not till Possession Sunday, however, do the twain appear before the world as actual or prospective brides and grooms.

Over the Falls.

A Wisconsin paper reports an Indian's remarkable escape from death. He was one of a driving crew that broke a big jam above Sturgeon Falls. He attempted to cross the river on a log, and to the horror of the spectators, was carried over the falls. The falls are 40 feet high, and consist of two pitches and the rapids. Of course the man was given up for dead, and the driving crew thought it useless to search the river for his body, as the logs were piling over the falls at a rapid rate. The next morning, however, the Indian walked into camp for breakfast. He had been swept down the river and up against the bank, where he managed to crawl out. Finding only a few scratches and bruises, but being, as he remarked, "rather tired," he lay down and slept until daylight, and was none the worse for his adventure.

Vast Wealth of Hindoostan.

In India there is more wealth than in any other country in the world. Gold, fabrics, jewels and spices—forages these have been produced and found in this land. One of the Indian princes owns jewels valued at $15,000,000.

AMONG THE POETS.

In the Thick of It.

Say, whither go these fellows
With hair so very long,
Their muscles indicating
That they are very strong?
Their suits are thickly padded.
With pride their faces glow,
Some objects queer they carry—
Say, whither do they go?

These chaps with bulging muscles
And Paderewski hair,
With pads of large dimensions
In clothing that they wear—
Why, they're the season's heroes,
Who bravely strive for fame,
And proudly they are going
To play a football game.

Whence come these tattered fellows
With hair so badly torn,
While some, all cut and battered,
Are by their comrades borne?
And here and there is limping
A chap with bandaged shin,
And some have both eyes blackened—
Where have these victims been?

They've not been in a battle,
Although it looks that way;
Their wounds were not inflicted
By men in deadly fray.
Ah, no! these tattered fellows,
Some cut, some bruised, some lame,
Are heroes who've been playing
A Rugby football game.

They don't regard the bruises,
They never shrink at mire;
For laurels they are striving,
To glory they aspire.
They're now the season's heroes,
These chaps of grit and brawn,
So call the ambulances
And let the game go on.
—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Actions and Words.

Here's a sentiment worthy to keep in your mind,
As you travel through life, for it's true, you will find;
That you're not so much valued by what you may say,
As by what you may do in a practical way.
For unless you perform what you say you can do,
Grave doubts will arise that you're honest and true;
Remember, that actions speak louder than words.

Nor would I discourage the message that cheers,
Or the prayer or the blessing of sympathy's tears;
They are always in order; they help in their way
To hasten the dawn of millennial day.
But a little more gold sandwiched in with your prayers
Would banish more tears, and lighten more cares;
Though your voice be as sweet as the song of the birds,
Remember, that actions speak louder than words.
—Charles W. Scarff, in Rural New Yorker.

Plain Samanthy Ann.

Twice lucky is the poet who
May call his sweetheart Rose.
His sonnets speak her eyes of blue,
His ballads sing her pose;
A rhyme with Gladys one might pen,
Quite good enough to scan,
But what if your girl's cognomen
Was plain Samantha Ann?

Now, if 'twere Grace or Isabel,
Or May, without a doubt
The muse would weave a mystic spell
And some way help him out;
But Pegasus will veer in fright,
Dismounting any man
Who dares an amorous verse indite
To Plain Samantha Ann.

There's Poe's Lenore and Burns' Jean
For song were graceful themes,
They well might speak of modest mien"
And weave their fancied dreams.
But my sweetheart! Ah, such a shame
To thus inflict a ban
On rhyming lover with a name
Like plain Samanthy Ann.
—Roy Farrell Greene, in Detroit Free Press.

The Voter.

Just before election day the voter's head is high;
Just before election day he's lauded to the sky;
He smokes the best cigars there are, he's treated as a knight,
He's told to go and help himself to anything in sight;
He gets the best attention when he has a word to say,
And all his jokes are funny, just before election day.

Just before election day the voter stands supreme,
Beside his power kingly sway is but an empty dream;
On him the nation's hopes depend, he holds his country's fate
Within the hollow of his hand—he steers the ship of state—
But when the votes are counted—zitt! his greatness fades away!
He's like a turkey that was proud before Thanksgiving day!
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Times-Herald.

Whistle Away.

Whistle away, my merry boy,
With happy face and heart of joy;
'T will help you to be strong,
Whistle a tune when things go wrong.
And whistling lightens it for you,
E'er your task is hard to do.
Whether it be sowing the seeds,
Hoeing the corn, or pulling weeds,
Gathering fruit, or raking hay,
Or driving cows, whistle away.

Whistle a tune, if you can't sing,
And that should seem the next best thing
That you can do, perhaps 'twill cheer
The hearts of some who chance to hear.
Better to whistle than to pout,
And scold and fret, no one can doubt;
So keep a merry heart, my lad,
And thus make other people glad.
Do all the good you can each day,
And as you toil, whistle away.
—Toronto Truth.

He Whistled on the Way.

No deeds of fame enshrined his name—
No laurel wreath or bay;
And yet he made earth happier;
He whistled on the way.

When sorrow frowned and stars were drowned
In stormy skies and gray,
He saw the light stream through the night;
He whistled on the way!

And even grief found sweet relief—
Hope shed a brighter ray,
And hearts he knew not blessed him
For whistling on the way!

And when from life's dark shadows
He passed into the day
They wrote above, this line of love:
"He whistled on the way!"
—F. L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

An Open Leter to Mrs. Grundy.

Good Mrs. Grundy, potent dame! we humbly bow before you;
You who can make or blast a name, with trembling we adore you.
We strive to gain your great, good will, your favor we have curried;
We shall we fawn before you till we're fully dead and buried.

The old and young, the high and low, are all within your keeping.
Whate'er you say is law, we know; your edict full and sweeping.
And so with earnest hearts we pray on week days and on Sunday,
Whate'er of others you may say, O, spare us, Mrs. Grundy!
—Dixon Waterman, in Elliott's Magazine.

A FEW VALUABLE RECIPES.

[Humorous directions furnished with an advertisement of a school supply house.]

To Drop Eggs.—Let go your hold on them.

An Inexpensive Dish.—A three-cent tin plate.

Clear Soup.—Take two pints of water; wash them thoroughly on both sides; pour into a dish or something, and stir around on the kitchen floor until done.

Pound Cake.—Mix up a pound of flour and other ingredients; place in a "cut glass" dish and pound; bake in a refrigerator for half an hour. This will be found an excellent recipe.

Stomach Cake or Stomach Ache.—Line a small boy's stomach with green apples, cucumbers, ice water and peaches of "emerald hue." This is an economical recipe and can be done at short notice.

Ice Cream.—Dry a piece of ice in the sun; wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth; stir in some cold cream or camphorated vaseline; flavor with ammonia or kerosene oil; fan until it freezes and garnish with spinach. This should be served cold with hot soup.

Plum Pie.—Make a tough dough; hammer out a front and back breadth; line a dish with India rubber overshoes; put around a veneering of dough; fill the dish with cough drops; put on the top crust; feather stitch around the edges and bake in a tinker's furnace.

Calves' Foot Jelly.—Get trusted for a Chicago calf (they have the largest feet); cut off the calf which can be used for hash or chicken salad; wash the feet; thicken with fish glue and a few drops of molasses; strain through a cane-seated chair (rocker preferred); pour slowly into a blue bowl with red pictures on the outside of it; set under a Christmas tree until it becomes of the proper consistency.

ASIA AND AFRICA.

The population of Jerusalem is 45,000. Of these 28,000 are Hebrews.

For the crown prince of Japan a beautiful palace is being built, with the frame work of iron calculated to withstand earthquakes.

Twenty years ago Egypt had hardly a single good road. During the last six years over 1,000 miles of good roads have been built.

Russia's Asiatic possessions are three times the size of Great Britain's; but hold only 23,000,000 inhabitants, as compared with England's 297,000,000 subjects.

The authorities in Algeria gave $40,000 toward fighting the grasshoppers. In one section 3,200 camels were employed to carry the material for burning over the places where eggs had been deposited.

France's Anti-Tobacco society is going to make Negus Menelik a member. The society has learned that smoking is almost unknown in Abyssinia and is punished as a crime when practiced. French explorers have to smoke their cigarettes in secret.

A good giraffe skin is worth from ten to twenty dollars in South Africa to-day, and much more in Europe. On their hunting trips ten or fifteen years ago it was a common matter for one hunter to kill 40 or 50 of these graceful animals in one day.

It is interesting to note that the early Egyptian custom of paying gold in the form of rings has not entirely died out in Africa at the present day, and that English merchants trading with the Kongo are quite accustomed to receiving gold in the form of rings, frequently ornamented with the sign of the zodiac in relief.

A LITTLE OF ALL SORTS.

Raffaelli, the Parisian artist, expresses the belief that New York has an art atmosphere.

The republic of Venezuela contains 506,159 square miles. It is larger than any country in Europe except Russia.

The skeleton of a giant over seven feet in length was discovered by excavators at King Hill, Me. The site many years ago was used by Kickapoos as a burying ground.

The camel, inured to hardships and privations, does double the work of a pair of horses, is tractable and can be kept in good condition on a comparatively small amount of inferior fodder.

According to a London journal, the number of stamps now current in the world is 13,811. England has 131, her colonies 3,843. The United States has 268 different kinds, the republic of Salvador 272.

The gold output for the Cripple Creek district for September amounted to $1,731,000, surpassing all records. The production of gold in this district from the time of its discovery in 1891 to date is $62,057,292.

Another blue grotto, like that on the island of Capri, has been discovered on the shore of the promontory of Skinari on the Ionian island Zante. The entrance is from the sea and is larger than in the Capri grotto, but the interior is smaller. Fishing boats can make their way in when the water is calm.

TOWN TOPICS.

Baltimore claims the largest negro population of any city in the world.

An experiment is being tried in Detroit of allowing the firemen one "day off" in five.

A searchlight has been added to the equipment of the New York fire department to help the men in dark hallways and corners.

Lexington, Mass., is making preparations for an elaborate celebration it intends to have April 19, 1900, of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle there.

New York wants a museum of "Living History and Court of All Nations," to cost several millions, exhibiting contemporaneous art and manufacture from every country in the world.

VARIOUS AND INTERESTING.

It is said to be Senator Depew's wish that all women members of his family should enter professions.

During the decade ended 1898 our shipyards produced only 213,000 gross tons of ocean steamships, while in the same period German yards turned out 850,000 gross tons and British yards 9,680,000 gross tons.

Based on Bureau Veritas returns, the world's seagoing sail tonnage in the last quarter of a century has decreased from 14,185,836 tons to 8,693,796 tons, a decrease of 40 per cent. The decrease in the United States has been at the average rate.

Through the financial misfortunes of an old New Yorker a famous art treasure, Gerome's "Consummatumest," depicting the crucifixion of Christ on Mount Calvary, has been discovered. Art connoisseurs say it is worth from $25,000 to $30,000.

The New York elevated railway stations are to have slot machines for selling tickets. The apparatus is an electric nickel-in-the-slot machine, and there will be four in each of the larger stations. This new scheme will do away with the expense of having an agent at each station.

A Chicagoan has been awarded a suit for five cents which he claimed from one of the elevated railway companies. He bought a ticket and passed through the turnstile, then waited half an hour for a train. As no train came, he demanded the return of his fare, which was refused. The cost of the suit was four dollars.

The lack of a label on a bottle of carbolic acid caused the death of a woman in Chicago the other day. The nurse had left for her several bottles, some of which were unlabeled, and had given oral instructions for their use. The lady picked up one of these, thinking it a liniment. The burns were such that the woman in the condition in which she was could not survive.

PERT AND PERSONAL.

John Morley and Joseph Chamberlain, although opponents in politics, in everyday life are the best of friends.

Miss Elsie Depew Strang, of Peekskill, N. Y., a niece of Senator Chauncey Depew, has received the degree of doctor of medicine from the Women's Medical College Infirmary for Women and Children.

C. Oliver Iselin is credited with declaring that he will no longer undertake to build or manage a yacht to defend the America's cup, and his retirement will probably be followed by Nat Herreshoff, designer of three of the defenders.

It is reported that ex-President Harrison received from the government of Venezuela for arguing the boundary case, which has just been determined in Paris, $150,000—some say $250,000. Undoubtedly it was one of the largest fees ever paid, because the interests were enormous, and there were very few men in the world who could have undertaken the argument.

M. Santos-Dumont, member of the Automobile and Aero clubs of Paris, seems to have solved the problem of steering balloons. He recently went up at Vanguard and first directed his course toward the Eiffel tower, which he encircled. Then he turned off west, though a southwest wind was blowing at the time, and finally came down near the Moulin, at Bagatelle, in the Bois de Boulogne.

BOGUS ANTIQUES.

In Birmingham there is a flourishing trade in antique armor made to-day.

China-labeled antique comes from France, Holland and Germany, and the false print is perhaps the commonest of all forgeries.

The demand for examples of the work of celebrated old engravers is so great that several firms are engaged in reproducing them. Many are sold every day as originals.

Forgers have attempted to copy antique silver plate, but their efforts are usually amusing. There was once on sale in Rome a great silver cup, said to have come from secret excavations in Sicily. It was ornamented with a circular bas-relief of the Parthenon frieze. In his innocence the forger had given the frieze in its present ruined condition.

National museum experts are frequently caught. For instance, the British museum bought a Palissy plate for £50—nearly $250. An attendant, dusting it, knocked off one of the seals attached to the back of the plate attesting its genuineness and disclosed the mark of a modern French potter. Two terra cotta figures of Isis and Osiris bought for the same institution for $5,000 have been discovered to be of modern clay.

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES.

Naval experts are indorsing strongly the project of a national naval reserve, with four-year terms of service.

The navy yard at Charlestown, Mass., is to have an immense water basin where ships can connect with the Fitchburg railway.

Officers on United States warships in American harbors complain that visitors are so numerous as to interfere with regular duties on shipboard.

Admiral Crowninshield believes the government should maintain permanent barracks on shore at the large naval stations for the crews of vessels in reserve and for new recruits which increasing service requires.

At the Charlestown (Mass.) navy yard recently 160 workmen in the construction and repair department were discharged because the government allotment for that department was $14,000 less than had been expected.

The appropriation made by congress this year for naval construction is considered too meager by many naval experts, as the demand for refitting ships for the Philippine service has used up already nearly one-half the amount.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

Perfumes and essences made from lemon, orange and bergamot long ago made Sicily famous in the annals of the perfumers.

The United States manufactures extensively perfumes from wintergreen, sassafras and several other woods and herbs.

Perfumes are made from a great variety of seeds, and by combining some of these new perfumes are made, which resemble none of those previously known.

On the basis of results of previous exhibitions at Paris, it is assumed that 52,588,280 people will pass through the turnstiles, and it is possible that the total number may reach 60,000,000.

There will be a model American post office at the Paris exposition. Arrangements have been made with the French postal authorities whereby mails for Americans in Paris will be sent directly to this office instead of going through the regular channels. The post office will be fitted up with all of the modern postal appliances.

Work has begun on the renovation of the facade of the Cathedral of Milan. An attempt will be made to remove some of the inconsistencies of style due to the fact that four centuries were taken in the completion of the cathedral. The plan adopted is that of Guiseppe Brentano, who won the prize over 120 competitors.

Nine columns of the hypostyle hall of the temple of El-Karnak, at Thebes, have fallen. The temple of El-Karnak is one of the most magnificent temples of ancient architecture in the world. The hall measures 170 by 329 feet. The stone roof was originally supported by 134 columns, the tallest of which was nearly 70 feet high and 12 feet in diameter. It was built by Setee I. of the nineteenth Egyptian dynasty.

AFTER-DINNER TOPICS.

[For after-dinner topics of conversation the following questions have been voted a prize. They are considered "sensibly humorous" and have just claim to that title, though some of them are serious enough, sometimes.]

What advantage has the new woman over the old?

Are heroes or heroines the more to be admired?

Is it an easy matter to "spot" an old bachelor in a crowd?

Does reading love stories make ladies more inclined to flirt?

How would you cure a man who stops too much at his club?

When is an apology a crime, and when is it merely a blunder?

Is it better to marry for love or for riches, or for a compound of both?

When a man has offended a woman should he admit being to blame or not?

What means should be adopted to bring a bashful man to the "sticking point?"

Why do old bachelors and old maids give their preference to lodgings where there are no children?

If a husband be a few days absent from home should he bring his wife a present on his return?

If a cross wife commences to scold her husband is it a good policy for him to commence whistling?

Should the husband occasionally remain at home to look after the children and leave his wife free to go to the theater?

Supposing you had a few friends whom you knew to be downcast, how would you entertain them for an hour so as to make them give a good hearty laugh?

ENGLISH AFFAIRS.

London holds 63 per cent. of its policemen for night duty.

There are, it is estimated, about 5,000 doctors in London.

Manchester, England, has opened lodging-houses under the control of the city to accommodate 360 men.

A good English authority estimates that $1,000,000,000 foreign capital is now operating in Russia in manufacturing, industrial, steamship and other enterprises.

The leasing of Covent garden in London by the opera syndicate until 1948 includes everything except one box and two stalls. These the duke of Bedford, owner of the property, reserved for his own use at any performance in the next 49 years without the payment of an entrance fee.

Although Chatham is so near to London little has been heard of the great magazines for explosives which the admiralty are having erected at a cost of about $730,000. The magazines will be some distance from the royal dockyard; and the further the better, for, however careful the precautions against accidents, the danger is always there. These new magazines will greatly facilitate the dealing with large quantities of ammunition and the consumption of ammunition for practice purposes only is increasing at an amazing rate.

BETWEEN TRAINS.

A little snake is as apt to bite as a big one.

Love is blind, but vain regret has good eyesight.

The man can never do what the boy might have done.

All philosophy is a failure when the philosopher has the toothache.

The goose that lays the golden egg generally belongs to a fool who kills it.

The more poetry a man has in him the more it tries him to set up stove pipe.

If every horse with a fault were knocked in the head, nobody would ride.

No man fails for lack of talent. The thing that floors him is lack of purpose.

Women jump at conclusions, but the philosopher gets there on his hands and knees.

When a man is starving it is a waste of breath to talk to him about the chemistry of bread.—"Ram's Horn Brown," in Indianapolis News.

Tempered with Mercy.

"Yes, I was drunk, your honor," the prisoner said, "but I've been pretty well punished already. I had $60 when I went out on the street, and a lot of gamblers got hold of me and swindled me out of $58."

"Under those circumstances," remarked his honor, with a sympathetic cough, "the court is disposed to be lenient with you. The fine will be two dollars."—Chicago Tribune.

A Serious Case.

Late one evening a doctor received a note from a couple of fellow-practitioners, saying: "Pray step across to the club. We are one short of a game of poker."

"Emily, dear," he then said to his wife, "I am called away again. It appears to be a very serious case, for there are two doctors already in attendance."—Tit-Bits.

The Unpardonable Part.

It is getting "found out" that is really the curse
Of our wrongs, for it can't be denied
That the rat in the trap may be not a bit worse
Than the one that is on the outside.
—Elliott's Magazine.

HARD ON THE FAIR SEX.

Dot (aged six)—Mamma, if I get married will I have to have a husband like papa?

Mamma—Yes.

Dot—And if I don't get married will I have to be an old maid like Aunt Martha?

Mamma—Yes.

Dot (after a pause)—Mamma, it's a tough world for us women, isn't it?—Sketch.

A Short Story.

Fido was small, but dreadfully brave,
As every one knows, for one day
He barked at a great big railroad train,
And the railroad train ran away!
—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A Cloud's Golden Lining.

Henpeck—There is a man that has my pity and envy simultaneously—you see his wife is one of the most noted of naggers.

Friend—Now, where does your envy come in?

Henpek—Well, you see he is as deaf as a post and cannot hear a word she says.—Judge.

Living Up to His Principle.

"I tell you, sir, the tarring and feathering of that miserable scoundrel was an unpardonable outrage!"

"Why do you speak so warmly?"

"Because I'm vice president of the society that opposes the use of feathers in personal adornment!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No Hope for Him.

"Then you cannot be the sunshine of my life?" asked the young man, with the insistence of one under a fixed idea.

"No," replied the lady detective, softly, "you know I am a professional shadow."—Indianapolis Journal.

When to Fly High.

First English Sparrow—The legislatures are offering rewards for our heads. Aren't you scared?

Second English Sparrow—No. I shan't worry until they call us game and pass laws to protect us.—N. Y. Weekly.

Really Remarkable Woman.

"What is there so remarkable about her?"

"Why, she's a woman who never kept house in her life, and yet she doesn't think she could settle the servant-girl problem."—Chicago Post.

Hot Campaign.

He—I went through the fight with that man.

She—In the Spanish war, I suppose you mean?

"Oh, no; in a church choir."—Yonkers Statesman.

Not to His Taste.

Wiggs—Skinner has just returned a book he borrowed.

Jiggs—Didn't he like it?

Wiggs—Yes. Why do you ask?

Jiggs—You say he returned it.—Town Topics.

Had Support.

Judge—The charge against you is vagrancy. The officer says you have no visible means of support.

"I's got a means ob suppo't, jedge; but she done took sick an' cain't do no washin'."—Judge.

In Oklahoma.

Caller—Is the editor in?

Office Boy—Yes, but he can't see no one to-day. He left his gun at home.—N. Y. Journal.

Of Course They Will.

Grandma—Ah, my dear, the men are not what they were 50 years ago.

Ethel—Well, granny, you know, 50 years will change any man.—Tit-Bits.

The Fluent Trades.

"Who is that man over there who talks so much?"

"He's either a college professor or a barber."—Chicago Record.

A Difference of Opinion.

Jack—Ah, Mabel, you are the apple of my eye.

Mabel—That's funny. George says I'm a peach.—N. Y. Journal.

RAILROAD RUMBLE.

Some of the underground railroads in London cost as high as $3,265,000 a mile.

Officers of the street railroad company in Denver estimate the daily average loss of the company, through the competition of the bicycles, at $500.

The railroads use 1,326,174 cars, of which 33,595 are assigned to the passenger service and 1,248,826 to the freight service. Of the total 43,753 are used by the companies owning them.

The Wagner-Pullman Palace car combination is an important event in the railroad world. The Pullman company was organized in 1867 to operate a service of sleeping and parlor cars. The company owns and controls about 500 cars, which are operated over 121,662 miles of railway in the United States, Canada, Mexico and in some places in Europe.

A 25-mile railway for the Philippines was recently packed in the hold of a steamship at San Francisco. Everything needed for the railroad was sent except the ties which will be obtained in the islands. It is said that the railway will be used to extend the 30 miles of railroad now controlled by the American troops. The engineering corps will build the bridges, etc.

The work of cutting down the grades on the Chicago division of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road has been begun and most of the heavy work will be completed by spring. The general plan contemplates an 18 foot maximum grade from Chicago to Baltimore, except over the mountains where helping engines have to be used. The reductions will cost about $300,000, but will allow an increase of nearly 30 per cent. in train loading when they are completed.

CONTINENTAL CONCERNS.

The crown prince of Germany becomes of age next May and will have as his separate establishment the old castle at Potsdam.

There is much French and Belgian capital invested in the principal railway lines of Spain, while England owns many of the shorter lines, and is also at the head of the mining interests.

Germany will soon have new postage stamps of one, two, four and five marks. The styles are to be closely modeled after the size and style of the United States Columbian stamps of 1893. The engravings show national events.

Hungarian peasants like to have a good time when somebody dies. A wealthy farmer at Szabadka recently left 1,500 acres of land and a large sum to his nephews. In his pockets were found 9,000 florins in cash. This sum, it was decided, he had set aside for a sumptuous funeral; so the bells were kept ringing two days, and everybody was royally entertained.

A "curatorium" for eye troubles exists in St. Petersburg, which sends commissions through the country districts for the purpose of giving free treatment and advice to those among the peasantry who are suffering from affections of the eyes. The report for the year 1898 states that 33 of those ophthalmological expeditions were sent out during the year to certain parts of the empire.

PLAYS FROM NOVELS.

Plays are now being given founded on "The Choir Invisible," "The First Violin," "Vanity Fair" and "The Tale of Two Cities."

John Dryden once tried to make a play from Milton's "Paradise Lost," and the awful result is one of the things best forgotten.

Also it is rumored that the stage will soon see plays made from "Richard Carvel," "When Knighthood Was in Flower" and "David Harum."

It was prophesied that "Trilby" staged would be a failure, whereas it brought in so much money that a rush began to stage other novels, a rush which still keeps up.

Successful plays have been made from Stanley Weyman's novels, Anthony Hope's, Hardy's "Tess," Barrie's "Little Minister," Twain's "Pudd'n Head Wilson" and others.

It is said a big sum of money has been paid for the stage rights to "Mr. Dooley," though how a play can be made from these detached bits is hard to see.

The fact that in modern days the plays made from "Robert Elsmere" and "The Quick or the Dead" were failures has not kept ambitious dramatists from trying to put others on the stage.

FLORAL HINTS.

Crinums.—These bulbs should be set about half their depth in soil.

Hardy Roses.—The hardiest June-flowering rose I have any knowledge of is the Persian Yellow. Any florist can furnish it. Better defer planting until spring.

Cinerarias.—Plants for winter flowering should be grown from seed. These are much preferable to old plants, as they are stronger in every way. Seedling plants may be obtained at all the leading florists.

Sword Ferns may be propagated by division of the roots, or by runners, which will root when they come in contact with the soil. The new Sword Fern, Bostoniensis, is much like the old variety, except that it has longer fronds. It requires the same treatment.

Wintering Geraniums. — Old plants can be wintered in the cellar. Some hang them up "by the heels" along the ceiling. Others crowd several into a box and give no water after they are placed in the cellar. Generally the tops die off, but the roots will have enough vitality to produce sprouts in the spring.—Ladies' Home Journal.

PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

AGAIN the tides that flow from time into eternity have borne to the world the blessed anniversary which marked the dawn of hope for humanity, the day when man saw the ultimate victory over death and the triumph of the immortal over the mortal. Through the darkness the watchers underneath the midnight skies saw the rising of a glorious star, and its light is still shining upon the world to be a beacon amid the storm, to lead generations yet unborn to the humble manger sanctified by infinite love and compassion, and made holy by the birth of a hope that should lift the lowliest man to the divine heights where he could look unafraid upon the face of his God.

"Peace on earth, good-will to men," sang the heavenly hosts, and the war-vexed world thrilled to the anthem, for in it was heard the thanksgiving of the slave, whose chains were to be made light by the love of the Christ, whose stripes were to be soothed by the hand that touched the leper and cleansed him of his foulness, whose shame was made glorious by a brotherhood with the carpenter's Son of Nazareth, who came to preach the Gospel to the poor. "Peace on earth," the Christmas bells to-day ring out the message that was flung to the winds of night by the angel voices on the plains of Bethlehem, and from the uttermost ends of the earth men come to bow down and offer their gifts of frankincense and myrrh, the incense of grateful and loving faith, at the feet of the infant Jesus who was "born King of the Jews," but who reigns Lord of the earth, proclaiming now, as in the hour when He took upon Himself the likeness of man, that good-will that endureth from generation to generation, and that pities the shortcomings and failures of men with a boundless tenderness.

What bring ye, who come to-day to look upon the holy mystery of the Christ-birth, as an offering acceptable to the Saviour of men; what treasure that shall not perish; what incense that shall be of goodly savor? No longer do men don armor of proof, and buckling on their swords bid farewell to home and friends, seeking far-away lands that they may slay the heathen who believe not in Him, and rescue from impious hands the sepulcher in which His mortal part lay a few brief hours. Christ has revealed Himself as the Saviour of those who know Him not, the lover of peace and the hater of wars. "The captains and the kings depart," the stillness of death hushes the shouting of the multitude, the laurel withers upon the brow of the conqueror, the gold rusts in the coffer of the miser. What are honor, renown, riches, as a sacrifice to the King who had nowhere to lay His head, to the conqueror who vanquished death, to the Creator of the world and the fullness thereof?

Oh ye who seek the Christ that ye may bow down and worship Him, remember:

"Still stands the ancient sacrifice;
An humble and a contrite heart."

If Christ be truly born unto your souls, let your lives proclaim the message that the bells ring out this Christmas day. The adoration which strengthens your soul anew for the conflict of life should be like a glorious flower, shedding its perfume on the winds that sweep around the world, a purifying influence and a beauty which even the most careless eye can see. Gather up some wandering ray from the star shining over the manger, and bear it into the dark places of the earth, that it may light some soul in the midnight of despair, and lead it to the source of immortal radiance. Catch some wandering tone of the angelic song, and repeat the strain above the pillow where Pain wards off the tender hand of Sleep, where Regret sounds the dirge over wasted hours, where Sorrow moans in some haunted chamber in which the ghosts of lost days walk wailing for the sweet sin that left such deep and stinging wounds. He who bore the griefs of men yearns over the wandering sheep, and you who have seen His face, who have read the tender message of His love, who have trodden with Him the road from Bethlehem to Calvary, remember on this Christmas day that again He is born unto you and unto the world. You are the messengers who are to bear abroad the peace and good-will that the Heavenly choir proclaimed on that first Christmas night, you are to interpret the meaning of God become Man, you are to vindicate the martyrdom that bought the highest good with incarnate Virtue, for "unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

LOU V. CHAPIN.

The Bachelor.

He admits with a smile that is mocking,
That Christmas no longer consoles;
He hasn't a single stocking
That isn't full of holes.
—Judge.

AN AWFUL DEATH.

He—I understand Miss Goodgirl, the Sunday-school teacher, is dead. What was the trouble?

She—Suicide. She ate some of the candy that was hung on the Christmas tree.—St. Louis Globe-Democart.

A Clear Field.

She sung a Christmas carol—
A lovely thing—it said:
"Meet me under the mistletoe
When papa's safe in bed."
—Chicago Record.

That Is All.

"What is the use of this article?" asked a shopper.

"I really don't know," replied the clerk; "I think it is intended to be sold for a Christmas present."—Puck.

A CHRISTMAS COMEDY.

Rather Exciting, But All Concerned Are Expected to Recover.

"WELL, how did Christmas go off at your house?" Mrs. Talkmuch asked, after she had told Mrs. Spilkins exactly how much each of her own gifts had cost and what she had exchanged them for afterwards.

"Oh-h, pretty well. We hope to be fully recovered from the effects of it in a week or two. You see, on Christmas Eve the children were so excited about the coming of Santa Claus that they couldn't get to sleep. Young Mr. Fizzleton stayed pretty late, too, at least it seemed so to Mr. Spilkins and myself, though Ethel didn't agree with us. After he left, we found that Harry's breathing was still too regular to be trusted and we must wait to hang the stockings. I said I'd wait up and do it—I'm a poor sleeper, anyhow. Why, I never close my eyes until I've made Mr. Spilkins get up and investigate the smell of gas in the room!"

"Yes, isn't it odd that it only smells after all the jets are turned off! I never used to smell gas until after I was married, but now, I—"

"Smell it every night? So do I. Mr. Spilkins said he'd get up and hang the stockings, said he could wake at any moment he chose. It seemed a pity that he never chooses to wake at the regular hour for getting up, but I said nothing—at least very little. Ethel wasn't sleepy and wanted to hang them, but her father said she'd be thinking of young Fizzleton and forget to notice whether the children were asleep or not. Why, she makes enough noise after he leaves at night to wake the dead!"

"Yes, the worst thing about Love's young dream is the fact that it forgets that other people need sleep!"

"M'hm. Well, I knew I'd have to hang those stockings, so when it was time I crept down to get them. We had left them on the dining table, but they were gone!"

"Mercy, burglars!"

"I knew that and flew upstairs. As I reached the head of the stairs, I heard some one creeping along the hall. In a second I was in the bedroom, with the door locked, but Mr. Spilkins wasn't there!"

"Gracious, had they—"

"Then came the most awful groans from the yard below and I knew that they had killed him and thrown him out of the window! I remembered then that I had borrowed his best necktie, the day before, without remembering to ask his consent, and now I was a lone widow, who could never ask forgiveness for the ink I had spilled on it! I flew to the window, calling: 'Police!

WHEN HE HEARD WIFEY CALL FOR THE POLICE.

Murder!' Then, I heard some one trying my door!"

"The burglars, of course. Oh, you poor heroine!"

"Yes, and then came awful screams from Ethel, her voice sounding as it does when her little brother brings a mouse into the room. Seizing my umbrella, I went to her rescue. In the hall I ran into the arms of a man and must have fainted, for the next thing I knew Mr. Spilkins was telling Ethel to burn the ostrich feathers on my new bonnet and see if that would not bring me to!"

"It did, I'm sure! But I thought Mr. Spilkins was murdered and—"

"Well, he wasn't. He had gotten the stockings and hung them, when he heard me call for the police and—"

"But the groans and Ethel's screams?"

"The groaning noise was young Mr. Fizzleton, singing a serenade of Christmas hymns under her window. She slept through that, being roused by her father rattling at my door, and thinking I was murdered!"

"Gracious! I hope that was the end of it!"

"It wasn't. The police came and seeing young Fizzleton in the yard, they brought him in to be identified as the burglar! It took half an hour to induce them to let him go, and then they were still suspicious. While we were thus engaged, the children woke up and ate all the candy in their stockings. I spent the rest of the night between ministering to them and comforting Ethel, who feared that Mr. Fizzleton would blame her for his sufferings. Yes, it was rather an exciting Christmas, but, as I said, we hope to be fully recovered from its effects in a week or two." ELISA ARMSTRONG.

Between the Lines.

My dear Miss Bonds, your eyes pray lift
(If this don't win her I am lost!)
And deign to view my humble gift;
(I hate to think about its cost!)
May it find favor in your sight,
(And bring about the end I seek!)
Although its value is but slight.
(I'll have to fast at least a week!)
—N. Y. World.

Easily Answered.

Hojack—I often see the Christmas goose mentioned in Christmas stories. What is the Christmas goose?

Tomdik—The Christmas goose is the man who spends more money for presents than he can afford.—Judge.

A Query.

The question comes on each Christmas morn
To interrupt men's gentler mirth;
"How can the blowing of a horn
Assist in bringing peace to earth?"
—Washington Star.

All It Would Hold.

Dog-Faced Boy—Did yer get yer stockin' full o' good things Christmas?

Living Skeleton—Yes, indeed.

Dog-Faced Boy—What'd yer get?

Living Skeleton—A cigarette. — Town Topics.

As Good a Theory as Any.

Tommy—What are all the men trying to get to the north pole for?

Willie (scornfully)—What, don't you know, goosey? Why, Santa Claus lives there.—Brooklyn Life.

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE.

How a Rejected Suitor Got Even with His Successful Rival.

"OH MY cousin Robert has written that he is sending us a little Christmas surprise," said Mrs. Meekmild, for the tenth time. "I felt sure that if he could once be induced to visit our happy little home he would forget that I—ah—treated him rather unkindly in eloping with you on the very day which was to have seen me his bride. To be sure, I left a note saying that I felt I could never have made him perfectly happy. Had he been a magnanimous person, he would have been satisfied with such a handsome apology—but he was not."

"Not at all," sighed her husband, "he was most inconsiderate. He—"

"However, a woman's tact has bridged the difficulty, as usual. I flatter myself that I did a clever and original thing in naming one of the twins for him. Who would be so

THE LID WAS OFF THE BOX AT LAST.

apt to appreciate such a compliment as a rich old bachelor, I'd like to know?"

"No one, I'm sure. But he thawed as soon as he had seen our six little cherubs. How he laughed when little Josiah rode on my back and playfully kicked me in the eye!"

"And how merry he was when Ariadne spilled milk on my best dress. What a pleasure it must have been to witness such felicity. To be sure, I am sorry that he happened to hear your remarks when my dressmaker's bill came in, but—"

"And I had rather that he had been out of earshot when you told me your honest opinion of a man who could not match embroidery silks better than I, after he had been married ten years. However, this is mere detail. I remember his rage when he found that I had married his little fairy, as he called you. Odd, isn't it, that he has forgiven me now that you weigh twice as much!"

"Humph, I may weigh a few pounds more, but my hair is intact, and that is more than—"

"And now he is sending us a Christmas box. I wonder what it contains? The children will be up at daylight to find out. Well, prosperity will not change us!"

"Never. Even though I am able to dress as well as our own hired girl, I shall not insist that you write it Xmas, instead of Christmas, nor shall I call it appendicitis when little Rufus has eaten too much pie. Personally, I expect tickets to Europe."

"Tickets to Europe, and I such a poor sailor that the sight of a marine in water colors gives me seasickness! Nonsense, he has sent us the deed to a ranch in Texas."

"A ranch—and I so afraid of cattle! How mean of you to think of such a thing. I'll never live on a ranch!"

"And I shall certainly not go to Europe!"

"I shall, and I'll never speak to you again. There!"

"Even your voice would not reach from Europe to Texas. But here is the expressman, and you'll see that I was right."

"That I was, dear. What a huge box! I'm glad that he forgave us just at Christmas when he need not check his generosity. That trip to Europe—"

"Texas, you mean!" The lid was off the box at last, and a silence fell upon them, as the gifts were opened. When the last one lay before them, they flung themselves despairingly into each other's arms.

"The villain said he had forgiven us!" she cried.

"He can afford to—he is avenged!" he groaned.

For the box contained: One music box, which played only rag time; one drum, a fife, three horns, a toy piano, six packages of dynamite crackers, one Chinese gong, a toy pistol and a card, on which was written: "With Cousin Robert's best wishes for a very merry Christmas!"

A Fair Exchange.

Now doth the callow youth prepare
To show he madly loves,
By sending to his lady fair
A Christmas box of gloves.
But ah, relentless, cruel fate,
The maiden is not smitten,
And, as she must reciprocate,
She gives that youth the mitten.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT.

"What's your little brother cryin' for?"

"He hung up his stockin' last night and Santy Claus brought him a little brother, but he wanted a drum!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Sordid Soul.

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Tudder Mann—I'm trying to find out which she would rather have—a tender young turkey or a new set of teeth.—Chicago Tribune.

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It's an old girl that doesn't want to get even with her rival.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall, Centre Grange, No 56, P. of H. on Monday, January 8, 1900, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

H. H. BROWN,
Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the said Bank on Tuesday, January 9th 1900, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 12 o'clock noon.

12-14 4t. E. B. TUSTIN, Cashier.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the thirteenth day of January, nineteen hundred, by Frederick J. Richard, Samuel H. Harman, John L. Richardson, G. J. Richard and E. E. Bittenbender, under the Act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th 1874, and the supplements thereto; for the Charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Richard Manufacturing Company." The charter and object of which is for the purpose of the manufacture of iron or steel or both or any other metal or article of commerce from metal, wood or both and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy, all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and the supplements thereto.

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F. R. Carpenter and wife went to Philadelphia on Saturday.

Harry Little is home from Bucknell University for the holidays.

John Kenyon left on Monday for a few days sojourn in Center County.

C. G. Barkley, Esq., transacted legal business at Mauch Chunk last week.

Miss Ella Lemons is assisting E. M. Savidge, the confectioner, this week.

Miss Edith Miller is assisting at Bidleman's Book Store during the holidays.

Thomas Gorrey, Jr., has accepted the management of Dr. Blakislees' Danville Drug Store.

Mrs. Samuel Wigfall has gone to Philadelphia, where she will remain over the holi ays.

Miss Edna Wilson, on Saturday returned from Philadelphia where she had been visiting friends.

Mrs. Lawrence Pflager of Jamison City, was the guest of Mrs. H. C. Jones, in town on Monday.

Editor W. H. Smith, of the Benton "Argus," gave our office a brief, but pleasant call, on Friday.

Barton Bisel is spending his vacation in town. He is a student at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston.

George W. Whitmire of Buckhorn, while in town on Monday, gave our office a pleasant business call.

Warren Edgar and wife of Stillwater spent Sunday in town, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hunt

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Kelchner have returned from a visit to their son, Charles E. Kelchner in Philadelphia.

Dr. W. H. Furman returned home, on Tuesday evening, from New York City, after an absence of several days

Harry Keller, a student at Lafayette College, is spending a two week's vacation with his parents on Market street.

Donald Snyder and two children, Hilda and Gehrad W., spent Sunday with the former's parents at the Exchange Hotel

Mrs. William Leyerett of Philadelphia, arrived in town yesterday and will spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Elwell.

Miss Geraldine Conner, a popular young lady of Orangeville was the guest of the Misses Carpenter on Fifth Street, on Friday.

The Misses Mary and Martha Clark, of Market Street, returned home on Saturday from an extended visit with Harrisburg relatives.

Miss Mame Weaver will leave today for Marion, Ohio, where she will make an extended visit with her aunt, Mr. Dr. R. C. M. Lewis.

Miss Grace Clossen of Berwick, has been assisting at the Local Telephone Exchange the past week, during the illness of Miss Margaret Laubach

Rev. E. S. Bateman has been chosen pastor of the Calvary Lutheran church, Philadelphia. He is a son-in-law of our townsman, I W. Hartman.

Prof. O. H. Yetter left on Monday for Sunbury, where he will have charge of the Music of the Teachers' Institute for Northumberland County this week.

Elmer L. Kitchen, of Rohrsburg, son of County Commissioner, Nehemial Kitchen, left on Monday for Norristown, to attend school. His father accompanied him, and will spend a few days in Philadelphia.

Mr and Mrs. W. S. Moyer of Market Street, returned home from Philadelphia, Saturday afternoon. Their daughter, Miss Martha, who is attending school at the National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, Md., accompanied them home for her holiday vacation.

Dicken's double vest chains for $2.35 at J. E. Roys'. Guaranteed to give satifaction.

Jonas H. Hughes of Lime Ridge, has been granted an increase of pension from $6 to $8 per month.

Bibles, either large or small. Prices, from 30c. to $7.00, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

"Old Southern Life," drew a good house Saturday night last. The entertainment pleased many of the attendants.

"Look before you leap." "Be sure you get Hood's Sarsaparilla when you call for it, and you will find health in its use.

About one hundred and fifty people accompanied the Normal School Students excursion to Washington, D. C. on Monday.

If you want a nice calendar, Christmas card, booklet, or books of any kind, go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Ask to see the new style of visiting card at this office. Can't be told from an engraved card, and costs less than half as much. tf

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Little have moved from Scott township to this town, and are occupying a suite of rooms in the Phillips building on Main street.

Charles W. Stewart and Miss Sarah J. Burget were married by R. H. Ringler, Esq., on Monday. They are residents of Northumberland.

Mrs. George Lockard wishes in this wise to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during her recent affliction, the death of her husband.

W. H. Henrie and John C. Rutter Jr., have received their commissions for Prothonotary and Register and Recorder respectively, and the same have been recorded.

Sample copies of the COLUMBIAN, the *Farm Journal*, and the New York *Thrice-a-Week World*, are distributed in Bloomsburg this week. Read our club offer and become a subscriber.

J. E. Roys will engrave free, any article bought at his store. He does not scratch it on with a machine, but does only hand engraving. Artistic engraving greatly enhance the value and beauty of an article.

One of our Danville exchanges is of the opinion that it is poor business to tell a boy that "riches or the presidency may be made his." It continues: "Poor ideals those. The boy runs a good chance for prison who bends all his aims for either of them."

The marriage of Miss Ivy Joice, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Callenburger, of Milton, and William E. McMichael, of Berwick, will occur at the Evangelical church, Milton, to-day. The many friends of the groom hereabouts extend felicitations.

D. L. Chapin's store, warehouse and barn, at New Columbus, were destroyed by fire Friday night. Cause, unknown. The store and warehouse were unoccupied, but the barn contained some live stock and grain. One horse perished in the flames. The property was partially insured.

The supreme court has decided that the shade trees in front of a man's residence belong to him although they be loacated on public property. The case in which the decision was rendered was one in which the property owner sued a telephone company for cutting off the limbs of his trees. The decision is of interest to all property holders.

An indiscriminate proclivity to run his household to suit himself, led a resident of near Port Noble to attempt assault, Sunday evening. With rage in his heart and a stove shovel in his hand, he chased his paramour across one of the streets near by threatening to whip her. She would not stand still long enough to be whipped and no harm was done.

Solid silver thimbles at J. E. Roys' for 25c. Engraved free.

The telephone and telegraph syndicate recently organized in Philadelphia and New York has bought the Phoenix Telephone company, of Altoona, which owns a competing line with the Bell company, operated all over that section. The price paid was nearly $300,000, a hadsome increase over the par valuation. The Central Commercial company connects with the Phoenix, near Tyrone.

Cart loads of perfumery, in 35 different odors, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Fountain Pens at J. E. Roys engraved free.

Will Guernsey, piano tuner, will be in town on the 26th, and remain a few days, Leave orders at this office. 2t.

The Jury Commissioners are at work this week selecting names with which to fill the jury wheel for 1900.

J. E. Roys has the largest stock of plated and Sterling Napkin Rings, 25 cents up. Engraved without extra charge.

The Calvary basket ball team of Wilkesbarre, went down before the Normalites in the Gymnasium last Friday night by the score of 18 to 3.

At a recent meeting of the Centralia Borough School Board, it was decided to open night school, if the enrollment of scholars will warrant it.

The exclamation of one and all who see our line of lamps, is "Oh what a nice line of lamps you have got!" Yes, and the prices are right, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

N. Malfaira has a nice lot of fresh fruits, now kept inside the store on account of cold weather, clear toys, home made, 15 cents a pound or two pounds for 25 cents. Large stock of candy from 5 cents to 30 cents a box. Exchange block.

Clergymen are reminded that the present law requires them to publish marriages in at least one newspaper. Failing to comply with the requirement got several ministers in serious trouble in the central part of the State recently.

One of the large show windows of Townsend's Star Clothing House contains a unique attraction. There is a fish pond with live fish; in the circle a fountain is playing and at night the fountain is illuminated with different colors of alternating electric lights. Trailing vines and plants add to the beauty of the window. The other window is filled with many pretty thing for the Christmas trade.

Next Sunday being Christmas Sunday, the Philadelphia *Inquirer* will be specially enlarged by the addition of a handsome Boys' and Girls' Christmas Book of 32 pages, printed in beautiful half tones and colors. This will be attractively bouhd and stitched in the same shape as the *Inquirer* Cook Book, which was issued a short time ago. Two other special color sections will be issued and no effort has been spared to make this number of the Sunday *Inquirer* unequaled in every respect.

Those who have their lines out to hook a census-taking position will find that it is one of the poorest political jobs afloat, if they manage to land it. It is but little better than carrying country mails. Enumerators are only paid $2.50 for every 100 names turned in, and taking into consideration that they must ask a long list of questions for every name put down and make out three copies of their report it may be estimated that the compensation for the work is small, in no instance aggregating $125.

The *Farm Journal* gives no chromos, puffs no swindles, inserts no humbug advertisements, and does not devote one-half its space to telling how good the other half is. It is published monthly and circulates from Maine to Oregon, and from North Dakota to Texas. Every home in Columbia county would have more sunshine and happiness in it did *Farm Journal* go there regularly. We are prepared to send it for five years, from this time up to December, 1904, to every subscriber who pays up his subscription for the COLUMBIAN a year in advance, and to all new advance paying subscribers.

The election for officers of the Bloomsburg Fire Department for the ensuing year was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, from six to eight o'clock Monday evening. The election board consisted of Mayor Holmes and one member from each company. The new officers are as follows: Chief, William May, of the Rescue; First Assistant William Coffman, of the Winona; Second Assistant, Arthur Smith, of the Good Will; Third Assistant, George Cavanee, of the Friendship. There were no contests with the exception of First Assistant. Paul Harman was the regularly nominated candidate for that position. The Friendship Company nominated William Coffman, and his nomination was endorsed by the Good Wills. The vote was, Coffman 42, Harman 27. The chief next year will be selected from the Winona Company.

Solid silver single teaspoons for 85c. and up at J. E. Roys'. Engraved free.

Our congratulations are tendered our townsman F. H. Wilson, and wife, over the arrival of a young son Monday morning.

A collision of trains at Nescopeck on Thursday, resulted in a caboose being crushed to splinters. No casualties occurred.

The recent establishment of a dancing school in Berwick has considerably aroused the more sedate residents and they want the pass-time stopped.

Private George E. Deppen, of Company K., Sunbury, has been appointed by Colonel Clement to be regimental quartermaster-sergeant of the Twelfth regiment, N.G.P.

There was a large attendance of relatives and friends at the funeral of the late George M. Lockard, which occurred Saturday afternoon. Rev. B. C. Conner conducted the services.

The almost total eclipse of the moon, which occurred Saturday was watched by many people. Not a cloud appeared in the sky to mar the view, and the sight was a very pretty one.

An Indiana farmer has stolen a march on nature by grafting a tomato upon a potato vine. He thus raises a crop above and below ground at the same time. The American Agriculturist says that both vegetables were of good quality.

Dr. G. H. Welliver has in course of erection a barn 32x90, near the Tube Works, which he will use, when completed, to stable his horses from the time they arrive here until the sale days. The Dr. is one of the most extensive dealers in western horses in this section.

The condition of the wheat fields in the county the farmers say never was better. The Hessian fly made its appearance in some fields, but too late in the season to do much harm. With a favorable winter and spring a great crop is assured next year.

A new lot of leases just printed at this office. They contain clauses providing for payment of water rent by tenant; waiving benefit of exemption; that rent may be collected for the whole term if tenant attempts to remove goods without paying rent due, etc. 3 cents each, or 25 cents a dozen. 2t

The dance to be held tomorrow night in the the Town Hall under the auspices of the Rescue Fire Company, promises to be a very enjoyable affair. The Fourth warders have labored industriously for the success of the project and it is quite certain that they will be rewarded by a large attendance.

Member of the Board of Poor Directors of Bloom Poor District Isaiah Hagenbuch, was last Friday requested by letter from the Danville Poor Directors, to remove W. Mitchell and family, a wife and three children. They are a charge on that district, and the Danville Poor Officials claim that they belong in Bloomsburg.

Eli J. Ohl, was kicked by a horse at his home in Hemlock township one evening last week. He was unconscious for several hours. Medical aid was sent for and he was made to rest as easy as possible. We have since learned from the physician in attendance that Mr. Ohl's condition is very much improved.

Five prisioners of the jail, incarcerated on various charges, were placed at work filling in the approach to the River bridge last week. The men performed the work in a way that convinced the County Commissioners, who had gone to inspect the job that they were perfectly familiar with that kind of labor.

R. S. Bowman has been appointed post master at Berwick, and will take charge of the office on January 1st. It is by no means a new position for Mr. Bowman he having served two terms before. L. J. Townsend, who has been post master for the past three years, has accepted an official position with the American Car and Foundry Company.

The bread which received the first and second premiums at the Columbia county fair in 1898 and 1899 was baked from the Leader flour manufactured by Ikeler & Fleckenstine.

11-30 2mos

For Rent.

Proctor Inn, well furnished, from Feb. 1st 1900. Rent cheap. Apply to G. E. Elwell or A. L. Fritz, Bloomsburg, Pa. tf

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Nearly 25 per cent. off of the regular price of our entire stock of

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Ladies' Jackets,	were	$12 50,	now	$9 75	
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" Golf Capes	"	6 75	"	5 95	
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" Plush Capes	"	12 50	now	9 75	
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Doll Reduction. Dish Reductions. Bureau Scarf Reductions. Table Cover Reductions. More, Too.

50c Dolls	reduced to	34c	75c Metal Framed Mirrors	reduced to	39c
25c Dolls	" "	19c	1 49 Large Framed Pictures	" "	75c
50c Toys	" "	34c	75c Smaller Framed Pictures	" "	39c
25c Toys	" "	16c	IMITATION IRISH POINT.		
50c Cups and Saucers	" "	35c	1 25 Bureau Covers	" "	69c
25c Cups and Saucers	" "	19c	75c Bureau Covers	" "	55c
1 00 Scrap Books	" "	59c	1 25 Table Covers	" "	79c
4 50 Photo Albums	" "	2 50			
2 50 Photo Albums	" "	1 50			
1 00 China Dishes	" "	69c			
1 25 China Dishes	" "	75c			

I. W. Hartman & Son, Bloomsburg, Pa

Rev. M. E. McLinn will address the Men's Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Hall next Sunday afternoon. The service commences promptly at 2:30. All men are invited to be present.

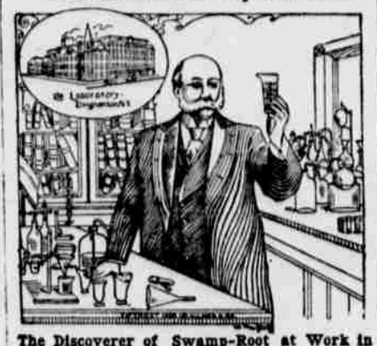
If one were to judge from the moderate temperature which has prevailed since December has been with us, we would imagine it to be nearer Easter than Christmas. Everything has changed, even the weather as well as many other features which were characteristic of an old fashioned Christmas time. Surely times have put on a different air since the days of our grandsires.

The Wilkesbarre board of trade has taken up the cudgel against fake advertising, and truthfully says: "The only kind of advertising which pays, is that of the newspaper, and if merchants would combine for the purpose of refusing patronage to programmes, it would be money saved for the merchants, and just so much more to devote in the legitimate channels of trade."

The remains of Oscar Conner were consigned to the grave in the Benton Cemetery, on Tuesday. His death occurred from heart disease at his home above Benton two days previous. He was a respected resident of the upper end, was a veteran of the Civil war, and had his life been spared a few more months his age would have reached the allotted three score and ten. A wife and ten children, six daughters and four sons are left to moourn his death.

There are conflicting opinions regarding the question—"When does the twentieth century really begin?" The definition that a century consists of 100 full years should make the question plain and place the date January 1st, 1901, instead of 1900, as many hold the date to be. As there are 100 full years in a century, it is evident that to complete the first century 100 years must have passed, to complete the second 200 years and so on up. To complete the nineteenth century 1900 years must have passed which would be December 31st at midnight, and the next date must be January 1, 1901. Several college presidents contend that we enter upon the 20th century January 1st, 1900.

The Eminent Kidney and Bladder Specialist.



The Discoverer of Swamp-Root at Work in His Laboratory.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's **Swamp-Root** the new discovery is the true specific for kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. It has cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases, after all other efforts have failed. At druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. A sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling about Swamp-Root and its wonderful cures. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. and mention this paper.

WANTED—SEVERAL PERSONS FOR District Office Managers in this State to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly $600, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. S. A. Park, 320 Caxton Building, Chicago. 12-21,16t

Boyd Shaffer was arraigned before 'Squire Jacoby on Monday, on a warrant sworn out by Harry Mitchell of Berwick. According to Mitchell's story, he in company with a young lady, were walking on Fifth street Sunday evening, when they were accosted by Shaffer, who, without any provocation whatever, struck him, breaking his hand. Boyd denies the charge and says that there were no blows struck at all. He gave bail in the sum of $500 for his appearance at the February term of court.

A collision between Tooley & Company's delivery wagon and that of W. W. Watts, occurred at the corner of Third and Center streets Monday evening, about six o'clock. The electric lights were out at the time, and the darkness made it impossible for either driver to see any distance ahead. Tooley's wagon was upset, and its contents consisting of tied up packages of groceries and provisions were strewn along the street. The shafts were also broken. The horse tore loose from the vehicle, and ran up Center to Main street where it was caught by Max Gross. The other wagon was not damaged to any extent.

Murders in Pennsylvania.

Never in Pennsylvania's history has there been so many men under sentence of death as there are at the present time, and this fact makes it probable that the coming year will be the banner one from an execution standpoint, in the nineteenth century. Governor Stone, has now, in his possession papers indicating the conviction of fourteen murderers, the date for whose hanging it is his duty to name.

Fine Holiday Groceries.

L. T. Sharpless Co. has a fine line of seasonable goods. Their stock embraces, cranberries, oranges, lemons grapes, dried fruits, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned meats, cheese of various kinds, fancy cakes and crackers, fine syrups, nuts, sweet potatoes, olives, pickles, ham, bacon, flour, fine teas and coffees, and a thousand other good things to eat, and for household use. Prices right. Goods delivered. 3t7

Gilmore's Toy Bazaars.

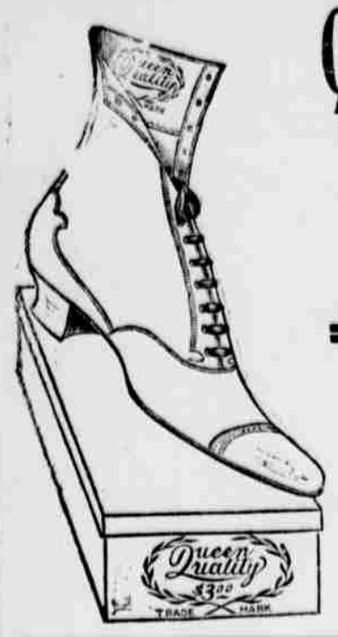
Gilmore has made a new department this year in the toy bnsiness and has opened a branch store on Market Square. Both stores are full of all kinds of things to please the children at Christmas time. To enumerate them would fill a column. Call at the other store if you can't find what you want in the first one you visit. Miss May Gilmore has charge of the Market Square store. 3t

For Sale!

A lot of 23 acres, with house and barn, 8 acres of timber, good water, fruit, etc., located in Hemlock township, 3 miles west of Buck Horn. Terms reasonable. Address, B. F. Brobst, Buck Horn, Pa. 11-30 4t

For Sale.

A good double cylinder 2½ horse power engine. Inquire at this office. 10-26 tf.



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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1899.

Entered at the Post Office at Bloomsburg, Pa. as second class matter, March 1, 1888.

A GREAT OFFER.

Farm Journal From Now to Dec., 1903. Nearly Five Years.

By special arrangement, made with the publishers of the *Farm Journal*, we are enabled to offer that paper to every subscriber who pays for THE COLUMBIAN one year ahead, for only $1.00, both papers for the price of ours only; our paper one year and the *Farm Journal* from now to December, 1903, nearly 5 years. The *Farm Journal* is an old established paper, enjoying great popularity, one of the best and most useful farm papers published.

☞ This offer should be accepted without delay.

Wanted!

We want 500 new subscribers to the COLUMBIAN this fall, and as a special inducement will include the *Farm Journal* from now until Jan 1, 1904 *free.*

Or the New York Thrice a week *World* for three months *free.*

Or the COLUMBIAN and *World* one year for $1.50. tf

A Common Expression

You often hear now is this: "If you want anything really GOOD in QUALITY and REASONABLE in PRICE, get it at

RISHTON'S.

Heavy Sterling Hair Brushes, $2.75.
Heavy Sterling Combs, 50 and 85c.
Heavy Sterling Mirrors, $6.25.
Heavy Sterling Novelties, 20c. to $8.00.

MILITARY
HAIR BRUSHES,
$1.40 to $5.00 Pair.

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The Most Beautiful Line of
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Ever Shown in Bloomsburg, 10c. to $5.00.

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LEATHER GOODS
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Baker's Chocolates and Baker's Bon Bons.

We are sole agents for these delicious goods, and guarantee them the FINEST CONFECTIONS ever offered you.

Beautiful ½ lb., 1 lb. and 2 lb. boxes, at 60c. per lb.

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W. S. Rishton, Ph. G.,
Ent Building. Pharmacist
Telephone.

It is a long time since an article of this kind has been printed in this paper. We regret very much that it is necessary to print it now, but so many of our subscribers have failed to pay their subscription during the past year that we are compelled to call attention to it.

On January first we shall send statements to all who owe for a year or more. If the reader happens to be one of these, and does not want to be dunned, he can save himself the annoyance, and save us the postage, by paying during this month. 7 4t.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Church decorations are going on this week.

Old maids are looking up and ordering mistletoe.

Leases and notices to quit, for sale at this office. tf.

We wish our readers, one and all a Merry Chrismas.

Organ recital at St. Paul's P. E. Church on Tuesday, Jan. 9th.

Juvenile books, from 5c. to 40c., at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Thirteen different styles of shaving sets at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The public schools of town will close next week for the annual holiday vacation.

A five cent counterfeit, light in weight, and of a dingy appearance, is being circulated.

Next Monday is Christmas. The banks and most other places of business will be closed.

Fourteen different styles of necktie and handkerchief boxes at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Services will be held in St. Paul's Church on Christmas at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

Do not forget that Mercer's Drug and Book Store is a good place to buy your Christmas presents.

As usual, Clark & Son's big windows are attractively decorated, and full of pretty things. Stop and see them.

The Berwick Bank reports a large increase in deposits, loans and discounts, during the past two months.

In Rishton's windows a pretty display of goods is shown, including painted china, sterling silver articles, perfumery, leather goods, etc.

We have just received an extensive line of 1900 calendars for which we will take orders and print at reasonable prices. Call in and see samples.

If you expect to buy a Christmas present for your uncle, or your aunt, do not buy it until you have seen the line at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Farmers are complaining of the great scarcity of eggs. The hens they say have been off duty and as a result the price of the product has been mounting upwards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

C. E. Savage has a nice assortment of Gold and Silver Watches. Boys' watches from $2.50 up, fully guaranteed. A large assortment of beautiful rings, scarf pins, chains, bracelets and at exceedingly low prices. Call and see.

L. E. Whary has several styles of open stock dishes, where you can buy just as many or as few pieces as you like.

Special bargains in trimmed and untrimmed hats in good styles at E. Barkley's, Main street, below Market, north side. 21-2t

Christmas Time at the D. Lowenberg Clothing Store.

Your grandfather bought your father his Christmas outfit here fifty years ago. Your father started to buy yours 25 to 30 years ago, and now you are coming to buy your little boy's too. This happens every day at this well known store. Their straightforward business methods have held the trade for fifty years.

An enormous stock of beautiful new Merchandise, everything that a man or boy wears at prices so reasonable as to suit the most slender purse will make this store the centre of activity during the holidays.

A dream of beauty, our 25 and 50 cent Neckwear. Continuation of our extraordinary sale on Suits and Overcoats, Underwear and Shoes.

Dishes! Dishes! Dishes! Do you want to see the largest and finest stock in this section? L. E. Whary can show it to you.

A fine assortment of carving sets at Peacock's.

Do you want a suit of clothing for father or brother? Go to Gross'. He has a good variety at way down prices. 2t.

L. E. Whary is ready for the holidays, with a large and beautiful line of fancy China. All new shapes and beautiful decorations in French and German China.

Fancy calanders 10c. to 50c at S. R. Bidleman's.

Nickle plated coffee pots, tea pots, chafing dishes, baker's bread trays, etc., at Peacock's.

L. E. Whary has reduced prices on many lines of dishes to make room for new stock.

If you want an overcoat go to Gross and save money. 2t

The best ranges in the market at L. E. Whary's. See them and get prices.

All the books at the City Cut prices at S. R. Bidleman's.

Tea kettles and many other household necessities, all of which make very acceptable Xmas gifts, at L. E. Whary's.

Skates from 25 cents up at Peacock's.

Hats and caps make good Christmas presents. Go to Gross'. 2t

Have you seen the large line of pictures at S. R. Bidleman's?

Pocket knives, scissors and shears at Peacock's.

Ties and Handkerchiefs in grert variety for Christmas at Gross'. 2t

Pictures from 1c. to $25 at S. R. Bidleman's.

Cups and saucers, by the dozen or half dozen, or full dinner sets, at L. E. Whary's.

The savory roasting pan, the best in the world at Peacock's.

Elegant dressing cases, suitable Christmas presents at Gross'. 2t

Jardinieres at L. E. Whary's.

Diaries for 1900 at S. R. Bidleman's.

You can find a useful Xmas gift at a moderate price at Peacock's Hardware Store.

The largest line of Leather goods in town at S. R. Bidleman's.

If you want cuff buttons, Scarf pins, Neckwear, &c., for Christmas presents go to Gross'. He is the cheapest. 2t

Largest line of rings ever brought to Bloomsburg, from 25c. up, at Geo. W. Hess'.

We will call at your house for orders, if you but let us know, and they will be properly filled and delivered. Tooley & Company.

A full line of new, first-class double heaters. Low in price. Don't fail to see them. L. E. Whary.

Pocket Books from 25c to $2.00 at S. R. Bidleman's.

Boundless in its ability to please, is L. E. Whary's China Bazaar.

Boy's and Children's suits and overcoats very low in price at Gross'

Fine cut glass at Hess'.

Night robes, Ben Gidding.

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SANTA CLAUS AT GRIMM'S RANCH.

A Story for Christmas.

"A THOUSAND pardons, but could the senor the change give for two gold pieces of $20?"

John Wells jerked his newly-urged horses to a standstill and glared his annoyance at the heavily-bearded Mexican who, with doffed sombrero, had suddenly confronted him at a point where the Menardville road extricated itself from the scattered jacals of Fort McKavett and headed out for the open prairie. It was early morning of the 24th of December, 1895. Wells had freshly risen from an unappetizing and indigestible breakfast of grease-sodden tortillas and rancid bacon; had quarreled with the hotel keeper over his extortionate charges for the last night's lodging; was hungry; angry with the sharp sleet that came drifting against his face from the northeast; angry with the "infernal luck" that doomed him to wander over the wild prairies of southwestern Texas while the rest of mankind were happily preparing for the holiday festivities; angry at the abominable cabbage-leaf cigar which refused to yield him solace from his woes; angry with the world at large and—just at that moment—with the disreputable looking "Greaser" before him in particular.

"Two gold pieces of $20," he growled. "Where are they? Are they counterfeit? How did you come by them?"

The Mexican gravely held them forth in his dirty palm for inspection.

"They are gold, senor. They were given me by the American, Senor Black—who sends the meat of goats across the seas in cans. The money is the price of 40 goats that I drove from the Rio Concho."

Wells regarded the Mexican with a searching gaze of suspicion.

"I know Col. Bill Black, and his gold is good. But I think I know you, too. You were in the hotel just now when I paid my bill, and I think I saw you last night at the store where I bought those cursed cigars. I believe you want to learn if I have money, so you can relieve me of it farther out on the plains."

The object of Wells' distrust threw his arms aloft in humble deprecation.

"The Sacred Mother knows—!"

"Never mind that nonsense," exclaimed Wells, roughly. "I'm no baby, and I'll take

"THEY ARE GOLD, SENOR."

chances on you and all the Greasers in McKavett. I'll give you silver for your gold; and here in this sack is more money—white and yellow—that you may have for the taking. Don't be afraid of the guns—they are never loaded—but sail in as soon as you can raise your crowd and overtake me."

The Mexican made no reply to this bland bit of encouragement, but his snaky eyes gleamed evilly from their covert of steel-gray brows, as they rested upon the plump buckskin pouch nestled between the butts of a heavy shotgun and a winchester rifle. He was profuse in his thanks for the American's kindness, but Wells' only response was a short grunt as he once more drew the blankets closely around him and chirruped to his not over-willing team.

It was a long drive to Menardville, and a longer one to the nearest railway station, the point for which Wells was now heading. Ever since the middle of November he had been driving here and there among the scattered ranches, on a collecting trip for his employers, a prominent firm of San Antonio merchants; and he was more than anxious to get back to civilization once more. He had been successful in his mission and had remitted several large sums by express; but his collections had been heavy during the last few days, and at least $3,000, in bills and coin, were stowed away in his pockets and in the buckskin bag at his feet. It was a large sum of money and he naturally felt the responsibility its possession involved. John Wells was by no means a coward, but he was perfectly acquainted with the country and its people, and knew that the chance of acquiring one-tenth the amount he carried would be sufficient to prompt many of the latter to murder. He had been particularly struck with the villainous face and suspicious demeanor of the goat-herder, and the uneasiness aroused by the little incident of the morning hung over him during the entire day.

Without making his usual noonday halt, he drove steadily on, occasionally glancing back over the dim trail, in momentary expectation of finding himself pursued. However, evening came without anything having transpired to increase his alarm, and an hour before darkness closed down upon the bleak plains he drew rein before the door of a lone ranch and, without the useless preliminary of applying for accommodations, began divesting his tired horses of the harness.

As he unhooked the tugs of the off horse, a towheaded urchin of eight or nine years came strolling up from the near-by corral, crept into the buggy seat and drew the blankets over his head until only his boyish face and sparkling eyes were visible.

"What's your name, mister?" he asked, with childlike directness.

"Jack Wells. What's yours?"

"Hank Grimm. I'm only Little Hank. Old Hank is my gran'paw, and he owns this ranch. The Mexicans call this 'Dos Botas Ranch,' 'cause gran'paw gives the 'two-boot' brand. Say, mister, do you know who I thought you mought be when you driv' up?"

"Couldn't guess."

"I thought mebby it was Santa Claus, but then I allow he's got more whiskers'n you have. Still, he mought have shaved."

Wells admitted that Santa Claus might, by way of a change, conclude to make his annual trip with a beard of three weeks' growth, or even a smoothly-shaven face. Further than that he couldn't, under the circumstances, blame Little Hank for looking upon all strangers with an eye of suspicion; but he thought the chances of popping his gaze on Santa Claus by daylight were extremely small. Several millions of boys, in different parts of the world, had been keeping their eyes open for years without avail, and there had come to be a popular belief that the jolly fellow with the reindeers traveled principally in the dark.

"That's the way he hit this ranch last Christmas, and I reckon he left it till about the last ranch on his rounds," remarked the boy. "He didn't leave me a thing that I wanted—nuthin' but a little tin wagon and a pound of candy. Say, mister, d'ye reckon Santa Claus ever handles windchesters?"

The appearance of the elder Hank Grimm spared Wells the necessity of answering this difficult query. The owner of the "Two Boot ranch" was a man well advanced in years, and possessed of a sturdy, erect figure, square-cut features and sky-blue eyes, that told at once of German ancestry and of past service in the armies of the old world or the new. He welcomed the traveler heartily, directed him how to dispose of his horses for the night, and then abruptly turned away and entered the house. Little Hank remained behind and, in his quaint, boyish way, superintended Wells' every movement.

A covey of quail that had been foraging in the vicinity of the crib flushed at their approach and settled in the prairie grass a short distance away. Little Hank clamored to have one of them killed for his Christmas breakfast, and to please him, on their return to the buggy, Wells slipped a couple of bird loads in his Parker, and, when the covey rose again, grassed three plump beauties with a hasty double shot. The boy was in perfect ecstasies over his success.

"That's better'n you could do with a windchester," he remarked, in a tone denoting that he considered this the height of possible praise. "Gran'paw says a shotgun is no good; but I reckon it depends a heap on who shoots it. I never seed but one before, and it wasn't wuth shucks. It belonged to a man from Arkansaw, and he couldn't hit the broadside of a mule."

The traveler's effects were soon transferred to the living room of the ranch, where he was introduced to the ranchman's aged wife, and found that the only occupants of the place were themselves and their precocious grandson. Grimm was a German of the old school, with true Teutonic ideas of comfort, and it seemed that unusual preparations for the evening meal had been made in honor of his visitors. All in the way of food that the ranch could offer was on the table, and, surmounting the array of snowy biscuits, ham and eggs, juicy steak and canned fruit, stood a group of ancient glass decanters, their contents shining in a gradation of colors from deep red to straw yellow.

Little Hank seemed to look upon his share of the feast as an especial treat, and after it was disposed of his tongue ran more glibly than ever. At length his grandsire suspended for a moment a morsel of beef half raised to his mouth, and uttered a word of reproof.

"Henry, my boy, it is not right that the children should talk and the grown ones listen. Remember, you should be very good to-night. They say that Santa Claus to bad boys is not kind."

"But see," retorted the lad, quickly, "I was good before and what did he bring me? Nothing. I wanted a windchester and he brought me a tin wagon."

"The child would be a man before his time," put in his grandmother. "He talks of nothing but guns; and if he had them he would kill us all, and himself in the bargain."

"I would be a brave soldier—like my father," said the boy, his eyes filling with tears.

"And be killed by the Indians, as was he," responded the old ranchman. "My child, the Grimms have been soldiers since the earliest days. I have fought, in my time, with brave men to lead me on to battle, and I tell you there is nothing in soldiering—nothing but hard work and slavery and bloodshed and death. It is a dog's life; nothing more."

Later in the night, when Wells and Little Hank were snugly stowed away in the latter's bed, the question of Santa Claus and the "windchester" came up again, but no lengthy discussion followed.

It must have been sometime after midnight when Wells was partially aroused by the knowledge that some one was moving in the room, and called out to know who it might be.

"Nobody but me—Hank Grimm. Not gran'paw, but the little one. You know—"

But that was quite enough for the somnolent gentleman from San Antonio. If the sentence was finished he failed to hear its conclusion. Sometime afterwards, however, he was aroused again; and this time so thoroughly that he heard and understood the words that awoke him. They evidently came from the "living room" into which his apartment opened, and were uttered at the top of Little Hank's childish treble.

"Thar now, Santa Claus. I've got you this time, and either that windchester comes or I downs your meat-house. No tin wagons for me this Christmas."

There was a fierce curse grittingly muttered; the sharp crack of a pistol; and then—boom! boom;—two thunderous reports almost as one, shaking the adobe walls of the ranch to their foundations. A dense volume of smoke rolled into the sleeping room, but Wells charged through it with ready rifle, reaching the outer apartment just as old Grimm entered from another door light in hand.

Little Hank lay beneath the huge table, groaning dismally and rubbing his shoulder. Otherwise the room was unoccupied; but a window near the door was open, and on the

"I'VE GOT YOU THIS TIME, SANTA CLAUS."

hard dirt floor lay a freshly discharged pistol and a Mexican sombrero.

"It is robbers that have been here," exclaimed the ranchman. "It is Mexican robbers, and they have shot my boy!"

Wells dived beneath the table, brought forth the injured lad and placed him tenderly in a chair; but he at once struggled to his feet. "Turn loose the dog, gran'paw, or he will git away. It's Santa Claus, and I'm blamed if he didn't miss me with his pistol right slap in my face. I never knowed afore that Santa Claus was an Arkansaw man."

Wells turned from the excited boy and approached the open window. Below it, and directly to the right, the whitewashed walls were torn and disfigured with shot, and there were great splotches and dark, trickling streams of something like red paint shining in the light of the lamp.

He turned to the old German; his features pale but collected.

"You will not need the dog," said he. "The man who tumbled through that window is lying where he fell—and I think I will recognize him when I see him."

Wells was right in both his surmises. In "layin' fer Santa Claus" Little Hank had taken a step that no midnight marauder could have foreseen. In forcing an entry to Grimm's ranch, the Mexican goat-herder, who had trailed Wells all the way from McKavett, had gone directly to his death. He lay outside the window, as he had fallen when the bulk of two loads of buckshot had struck him, and when Little Hank gazed into his dead face, its pallor more ghastly still in the lamplight, he screamed and staggered back, covering his eyes with trembling hands.

"I don't want to be a soldier," he sobbed. "I never want to kill another man as long as I live."

But his sturdy old granddam—descended, no doubt, from a long line of warlike Teutons—took him in her strong arms consolingly.

"But this man was a robber, my dear. Killing was his deserts, for he came to murder us all in our sleep. You saved our lives, and now would you turn coward and make us ashamed?"

"It was not a brave deed," growled old Grimm. "The boy thought to shoot Santa Claus and killed a lazy thief of a Mexican instead. It was a bull's-eye on the wrong target and no honor is won. Still, I am glad it has happened, for it may frighten his babyish mind from this folly about soldier-life and guns."

And so Kris Kringle did not visit the ranch that night, and Little Hank had to wait for his rifle—but not, as it chanced, so very long, after all. Arriving without farther incident at his destination, Wells first care was to visit the different gunstores of San Antonio upon an errand the nature of which can be easily guessed. On New Year's Eve the McKavett stage halted at Grimm's ranch to deliver a package, and a few minutes later the heart of the younger Hank was beating high with elation. Snugly packed in a neat box lay two guns—a tiny winchester and a light breech-loading shotgun. It was a present fit for a king, and a costlier one than Jack Wells' slim purse could have stood unaided; but his employers had been told how their thousands were saved and graciously donated two per cent. of the entire amount towards rewarding the principal actor in that Christmas Eve tragedy at the "Two Boot ranch."

S. D. BARNES.

NOBODY CLAIMED THE WATCH.

That Is Why the Relator of This Story Kept a Remarkable Timepiece.

"Great Scott! but that's a fine watch," came from a chorus. "Where'd you ever get it?"

"Stole it," answered its possessor, calmly, relates the Philadelphia Inquirer. "You don't believe me, do you?" he went on. "Well, I'll tell you how it happened. I was on a western district which enjoyed the reputation of being the toughest one covered by the house. I had some time to kill and so went into one of the gambling joints. It isn't necessary to go into details as to what happened. As luck would have it there were a half dozen others in the place besides myself who might be considered as possible victims. When the time came the lights were put out suddenly and then we had 'rough house' for about ten minutes. In the middle of it I felt somebody grab my watch and reached out after him. I caught some one and felt that he was just putting a watch in his trousers pocket. I gave his wrist a hard wrench and got the timepiece. Then I broke away. When I got to the light I found the watch was this one. And as I never heard from the owner I have it to compensate for the loss of mine."

After which the waiter hurried over in response to six different signals.

INFLUENZA FROM OZONE.

Pure Air from Lake Michigan Gave an Investigator an Extremely Hard Cold.

On one occasion the present writer walked to the edge of Lake Michigan when a strong wind was blowing right from the lake. The bodily condition was as near perfect as could be, says Popular Science, and yet in less than five minutes there was every evidence of having caught an extremely hard cold. The severe influenza continued until, on walking away, in less than 500 feet, it disappeared as if by magic. It is very certain that the temperature had nothing to do with this, nor the wind, but the influenza was directly due to the abundant ozone in the air. By inquiry it was learned that hundreds of residents who had lived upon the immediate edge of the lake had been obliged to move back three or four miles in order to relieve themselves from such experiences. Physicians readily admit that it is not always possible to say why one "catches" cold; it certainly cannot always be because of undue exposure or change in temperature, but probably also to changes in the electric condition of the air. Facts of this kind should lead to the extremest caution in studying any supposed relation between the weather and health.

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